

**Community Board 12, Manhattan
General Meeting – December 21, 2010
Isabella 515 Audubon Avenue**

PRESENT:

Jackie Rowe Adams George Fernandez
Richard Allman Fé Florimon
Juan Carlos Alonzo Nicole Foster
Frank Alvarez Mitchell Glenn
Anita Barberis Julissa Gomez
Wayne Benjamin Melanie Hidalgo
James Berlin David Ernst Kach
Isaiah Bing Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky
Rolando Cespedes Elizabeth Lorris Ritter
George Cruz Maria Luna
Manny De Los Santos Helen Morik
Mireya Cruz-Diaz Carole Mulligan
George Espinal

Edgard Nau
Ángelo Ortiz
Pam Palanque North
Elizabeth Pepin
Edith Prentiss
George Nelson Preston
Ruddy Santana
Angela Sanchez
Steve Simon
Alyce Smith
Gloria Vanterpool
Raybbin Vargas
Joe Wojak

ABSENT:

Leonardo Blackman
Glenda Swanson Massa
Cynthia Carrion
Rafael Lugo
Andria Reyes
Tamara Rivera
Zead Ramadan

Chair Pam Palanque North began the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Chair presented her report. She noted her establishment of a coalition between CBs 12, 11, 9 and 10 on issues of importance to upper Manhattan. The boards recently hosted a meeting on the impact of budget cuts on Harlem Hospital and the need to advocate on behalf of the community to avoid service reductions.

District Manager presented his report, beginning with noting a December 6, 2010 rat prevention training that was attended by only 13 people, with Senator Bill Perkins attending the morning session. The District Manager also noted that this was the first time that the training was given in Spanish and promised to host an additional training. The District Manager is also working with Washington Heights BID to clean St. Nicholas Ave. He also resolved a problem with lack of heat in a residential apartment building on Isham Street in one day with HPD. The District Manager also announced increases in parking rates from DOT to \$3 per hour south of 86th Street and 25 cents for 15 minutes in other parts of the city.

Chair Pam Palanque North introduced City University Senior Vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson, who came to promote CUNY educational programs, especially CUNY in the Heights.

The Vice Chancellor noted that many people have either attended or have family that has attended or worked for CUNY, and emphasized the economic importance of CUNY. CUNY in the Heights provides educational programs that lead to greater economic opportunities in health care and other sectors at a very low cost. CUNY Express is intended to create a portal into CUNY, and is not a place where classes are held. People can get financial counseling and advice on academic options and find a way to pay for college and to choose a degree program. CUNY Express also provides free citizenship and naturalization advice. CUNY serves 262,000 students in degree and credit bearing programs and 270,000 in adult and continuing education. About 16,000 to 18,000 residents in CD12 attend CUNY degree and adult and continuing education programs. The College Now Program provides free services in over 350 public high schools in New York City to assist high school teens getting remedial help and tutoring. High school students can also get advanced placement in college enabling them to take college level courses for free while in high school.

The Vice Chancellor made a comment about the Dream Act, noting that the CUNY Chancellor was the first of a major public university system to endorse Dream Act. He told the story of Andrew Grove who was an undocumented immigrant at CUNY and who founded Intel and gave CUNY \$25 million for the School of Engineering.

Board Member Edith Prentiss asked what is being done to make CUNY in the Heights accessible. The Vice Chancellor responded that CUNY in the Heights is seeking a new location that will be accessible by the disabled. Initially CUNY had expected to improve the currently leased facility but the capital investment was not feasible. CUNY expects to move as soon as possible, but the Vice Chancellor could not offer a specific time frame, though he noted that CUNY is in negotiations now.

Board Member Juan Alonzo asked about masters and doctorate programs at CUNY in the Heights. The Vice Chancellor noted that the two schools operate as satellites of community colleges which do not offer such degrees, but that locating in a new facility might open up the possibility of expanding programming at CUNY in the Heights.

The Chair noted that the Board had quorum and then invited State Senator-elect Adriano Espaillat to speak. Mr. Espaillat noted his support for redistricting reform and ethics and budget reform as promoted by Uprising New York and promised to advocate for these changes. He also expects to work on sensible bike lane policies and parking reform. We can work together on sensible practical things that the average resident in the neighborhood holds dear, such as clean streets, pothole repairs, noise reduction and other such quality of life issues. He also expressed his disappointment at the failure of Congress to approve the Dream Act, which will help innocent children lead productive lives as American citizens. He noted that he also looked forward to working with Community Board 12 in the coming year.

Jennifer Zarr, Fort Washington Library Branch Manager: Beginning ESL registration (beginning level) on January 6, 2010 at 6 PM; more advanced conversation classes on January 20, 2010 at 6 PM. She also announced the special cultural program on the Judaism and Islam.

Agustina Guzman, a resident of 3920 Broadway and tenant representative leader, stated that since 2005, the residents have suffered the loud music of Parilla Restaurant from 11 PM to 4 PM. A few months ago, the establishment lowered the volume but it is now blasting the music unbearably. CM Rodriguez sent a letter to the owner of Parilla and the restaurant was that they would close for a few days in order to fix the problem and then reopen. It is not clear whether the owner actually meant that the restaurant would be soundproofed. The restaurant is on 3920 Broadway between 164 and 165 Streets. The residents were invited to the next Economic Development Committee meeting on January 4, 2011.

John Rogers, a resident of 590 Fort Washington Avenue, had a complaint about the Monkey Bar. The bar is open until 4AM several nights a week and Mr. Rogers reported that he found himself awake at 4 AM especially on the weekends. Mr. Rogers noted that there was not posting of notices regarding this renewal and the Board should table the resolution.

Michael Waldron, another Fort Washington Avenue resident, also complained about the Monkey Room. He noted its on-going 4 AM loud, violent confrontations, alcohol-induced ravings of patrons taking advantage of the quiet residential neighborhood. Mr. Waldron feels that calls to 311 will not stop this and any perceived reduction in such calls is due to fatigue on the part of the residents. He feels that 4 AM is too late and that the patrons' behavior will destroy the quality of life in the neighborhood.

Mike Fittelson, publisher of the Manhattan Times, announced the release of the new dining and leisure community guide and urged everyone to go out and patronize local businesses. He also introduced a new reporter, Gloria Fasbino, to the Board.

Carmen Acosta from the Health Care Education Project extended her wishes for a happy holiday season for everyone and thanked people for their support of the soda tax (which was not enacted) and efforts to save health care services. She noted that 2011 would be just as challenging and stated that she looked forward to people's support.

Jim Berlin, a member of the board of directors of the Castle Village Owners Corporation, to complain about the closing of the token booth at the 181 A train, and the impact on that station. He noted that homeless people began selling swipes, unsavory looking people were hanging out in the station, the station was not protected from fare beaters and he expected the declining conditions to continue. Board member Helen Morik noted that the District Manager should bring this up at the District Service Cabinet and that the Board should pass a resolution on this.

Jackie Rowe Adams, DC37 leader, spoke about how proud she was of CB12 and of Chair Pam Palanque North, and of the forum on Harlem Hospital, powerful expression of community support for health care services and workers. She also thanked the Board for its participation.

The public session closed and the committee reports session began with Fe Florimon, Chair of the Nominating Committee. She thanked her committee members for their work and the board members for their advice. She described the following process for the night's election. Liz will be the time keeper. Each candidate will have two minutes to address the members. Following that, the ballots will be distributed. After the candidates speak, there will be questions submitted to the candidates by Board members—limited to 1 per member. After the question and answer session, the ballots will be collected and the votes will be tallied.

Candidates spoke and there was a noted discussion about the lack of candidates for the Secretary position as being a problem for the Board. Nominating Committee Assistant Chair Julissa Gomez noted that one of the possibilities under consideration was requiring the staff to take meeting minutes. Ballots were distributed and the rest of the committee reports began.

Wayne Benjamin, Land Use Chair, spoke of a lack of clarity in zoning resolutions regarding the problematic use of the words "building" and "development," which are used differently throughout the zoning regulations and can conflict with the BSA uses of those words. Land Use proposes that the Board support an amendment. There was 1 abstention from voting on the resolution and 38 other Board members present voted in favor of the resolution.

Chair Benjamin also noted that the Land Use Committee meeting in January would focus on a development at 190th Street and Broadway regarding a proposed development that involves zoning and affordable housing and public space and transportation. Nicole Foster, Economic Development Committee Chair, discussed alcoholic beverage license resolutions. A discussion ensued regarding the Monkey Room, a Hudson Heights bar (589 Fort Washington Avenue) whose patrons exiting have caused routine disturbances around 4 AM. An amendment was suggested by Second Vice Chair Cheryl Pahaham that the Monkey Bar license be renewed on condition that the bar close at 1 AM and submit a plan to reduce the noise and disturbances caused by its patrons exiting the bar. Liz Ritter seconded the motion but Chair Foster sought more Board member input. Assistant Secretary George Espinal rejected the proposed amendment as did Richard Allman, and Health and Environment Chair Steve Simon proposed that the Board reject the renewal. After more discussion, the vote was taken. The resolution recommending a renewal for the Monkey Room failed, with only 12 Board members voting in favor of renewal; 25 Board members opposing; and 1 Board member abstaining from voting. The Board members present voted in favor of all of the other resolutions: El Nuevo Caridad (1618 St. Nicholas Avenue—renewal on premises liquor, 37 in favor and 1 opposed); El Pollo Provocon (1495 St. Nicholas Avenue—renewal restaurant wine, 37 in favor and 1

opposed); Galicia Segundo (4083 Broadway—renewal restaurant wine, 37 in favor and 1 opposed); Victoria Deli Corp. 1484 St. Nicholas Avenue—new eating place beer, 35 in favor and 3 opposed); and, Sqweez Bar Juice & Grill (3868 Tenth Avenue—new eating place beer, 36 in favor and 2 opposed).

Youth and Education Committee Chair Elizabeth Pepin invited the Board and the community to the next meeting on January 13, 2011. Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Liz Ritter requested a moment of silence for Ted Buczek, father of Officer Michael Buczek, who was killed in the line of duty.

Housing and Human Services Chair George Fernandez noted that the committee held an interesting discussion about the state of mental health services in the community with local service providers. He also announced that the committee would hold split meeting in January 2011, a separate meeting from the Health and Environment Committee from 7 PM to 8 PM and then hold a joint meeting with Health and Environment Committee from 8 PM on.

Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair George Nelson Preston began by noting that the committee minutes were hijacked. Chair Pam Palanque North asked Chair Preston to discuss the issue in committee. Chair Preston ended his report.

Chair Palanque North announced that Andria Reyes, Public Safety Committee Chair, had resigned from the Board and the Frank Alvarez would serve in the interim as the Assistant Chair.

Chair Palanque North asked the representatives of public officials to report.

Socrates Solano, from Congressman Rangel's office congratulated Chair Palanque North on the Board election, and stated Congressman Rangel was committed to serving for as many years as people would have him. The current Congress has accomplished more legislatively than any other Congress since the 1960s and the New Deal: repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell; billions in tax cuts; stimulus funding for economic development and infrastructure; health care reform. Congressman Rangel voted no the tax cuts recently enacted because he did not believe that the US should borrow from Japan and China to provide subsidies to the wealthy. Army will start recruiting 6 months from now; New York State will lose two Congressional seats, one from Buffalo and one from downstate. Frank Hess, from Assemblyman Denny Farrell's office asked Board members to read the monthly report they received in their packet and wished a healthy and happy holiday season to the community.

Yokarina Duarte, from Councilmember Rodriguez's office, reported on proposed local legislation that would allow cars to park as soon as Sanitation had cleaned the streets. Ms. Duarte asked members to read the Councilmember's report.

Chair Palanque North commented that two residents had requested that a lot at West 172nd Street be converted to a school. Ms. Duarte responded that the lot is owned by the City of New York but it is not known what the City intended to do with the lot. Board member David Kach noted that residents had complained about the conditions of lot, including waste and vermin. Ms. Duarte responded that the Councilmember is looking into potential uses for the lot and to get the City to clean the lot. Board member Raybblin Vargas commented that the Washington Heights Inwood Coalition (WHIC) had proposed that a community center be built there. Ms. Duarte noted that WHIC had made inquiries with all of the local elected officials.

Juan Rosa, representative from Councilmember Jackson's office, relayed Councilmember Jackson's wishes for a happy and safe holiday season. He noted that legislation asking for more detailed reports about police action in schools was passed by the Council. The Councilmember noted that schools should be safe and that children should be in an environment that is conducive to learning. Councilmember Jackson also believes the Hot 97 DJ who made comments associated AIDS/HIV with Haitian women should be removed from his job.

Chair Palanque North updated Board members regarding the pending move to a new office. Executive Committee members had received a floor plan from Columbia providing about 1,300 square feet of carpet space. Executive Committee members were critical of the layout and of the amount of space. They felt that the conference rooms combined had to be big enough to hold large meetings when combined into a single room, and that the partitions had to be acoustically sound and block noise when two meetings were occurring. In addition, committee members wanted more space overall.

Board member Juan Alonzo asked whether the Board had received notice about the fire at the building on 218th Street. He noted that the Housing and Human Services Committee might pass a resolution. Chair Palanque North noted that the building is being condemned; the fire likely occurred because of landlord neglect; and most of the residents were receiving help from the American Red Cross.

The Nominating Committee Chair announced the votes: Pam North received 36 votes for Chair; George received 28 votes for First Vice Chair; George Espinal received 10 votes; Cheryl Pahaham received 24 votes for Second Vice Chair; Zead Ramadan received 13 votes for Second Vice Chair; Edith Prentiss received 36 votes for Treasurer. Chair Florimon thanked the Board member for their patience, her committee for its work, and Board staff members for their support.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Pahaham, with assistance from Debra Blow, 01/19/2011

Economic Development Committee- Minutes

January 4, 2011

EDC Members Present: Tony Lopez, Rolando Cespedes, Melanie Hidalgo, Leonardo Blackman, Mireya Cruz,

EDC Members Excused: Nicole Foster; Edith Prentiss

EDC Members Absent: George Espinal, Angela Sanchez

C B 12 Members Present:

Staff Members Present: Paola Garcia

Public: Jose Gomez; Pablo Gomez – Malecon Restaurant; Yvelisse Rossi – 187 Restaurant Corp.; Sophia Kang – 4041 Broadway; Peter Walsh – Coogan’s; Frank Hess – Assemblyman’s Farrell; Santiago Francisco – Tasty Deli; Martin Collins – Councilmember’s Jackson; Ana Marte; Paula Perez – Amistad Restaurant.

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm. Tony Lopez, volunteered to act as chair for the meeting as Nicole Foster, Chair, was not present. Mr. Lopez welcomed establishment owners and public participants. The Acting chair reviewed the agenda and meeting procedures.

B. Presentation: Liberty Tax Service, Michelle Bodner

C. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses

On -premises Liquor License

1. **Noodle House Inc. dba Empire Szechuan** -4041 – 4049 Broadway, (bet. W. 170th & 171st St.) the owner Sofia Kang represented the establishment. As per the owner the entity has been in business for 20 years. It currently has 14 employees. The establishment is a restaurant that serves Chinese and Japanese food. The business has capacity for 20 tables accommodating 45 people. In response to Committee questions about security measures taken by the establishment, the owner stated that they have two cameras located outside the business. Local Precinct 33 did not raise an objection to the renewal. There were no complaints from the public.

Vote	Favor	Against	Abstain
Committee	5	0	0
Board	-	-	-
Public	14	0	0

2. **187 Restaurant Corp.** – 591 Ft. Washington Avenue (at the corner of W. 187 St.) Ivelisse Rossi (president) represented the establishment. They operate a restaurant serving Mexican food. The entity has been in business for 2 years and operates 7 days a week from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. 7 employees currently work in the business. It has 4 cameras, 3 located inside and 1 outside of the business. The establishment is wheelchair accessible. Martin Collins, representative from Robert Jackson’s Office expressed positive remarks about the business and its service and employees, and the lack of complaints from the neighborhood. The Local precinct 34 did not have an objection and the public did not have any complaint.

Vote	Favor	Against	Abstain
Committee	5	0	0
Board	-	-	-
Public	14	0	0

3. **Sol's Restaurant Inc. dba IL SOLE Restaurant** -229 -233 Dyckman Street (bet. Seaman & Broadway Ave.) Christopher Taveras, Assistant manager represented the establishment. The business is a family oriented Italian restaurant which operates 7 days a week from 3:00 pm to 12:00 am. Currently 15 employees are working in the business, fulltime or part-time. It has a Sidewalk Café and a bar. The restaurant has 20 tables y 40 chairs. The Sidewalk Café has 17 tables. The Sidewalk Café operates 3 months over a year during summer time. The kitchen, the outdoor café and the bar close at 12:00 am. Frank Hess, the representative of Assembly-member for the 71st District Herman D. Farrell raised serious concerns regarding the hours of operation of the Sidewalk Café. He claimed that the outdoor café closes after 1:00 am and its late hours of operation are causing a lot of problems to the neighborhood due to noise. As per Mr. Frank, the office of Assembly member D. Farrell and Councilman Robert Jackson tried to get an agreement with the business's owner to close the outdoor café at an earlier time but the business owner refused to accommodate the community. Christopher Taveras, Assistant manager for the restaurant indicated that outdoor café indeed closes at 12:00 am and that the noise can be coming from other locations which are close by and also operate an Outdoor cafés. In addition, the assistant manager indicated that the street where the business is located is a busy street where a lot of people pass by. The office of D. Farrell has no concern about the restaurant; they are only worried about the hours of operation of the Sidewalk Cafe. The 33 precinct has no objection. The public raised no concern.

Before the committee started the voting session, Tony Lopez, Chair, proposed as a condition to vote that the business owner meet with Robert Jackson and D. Farrell offices to work on the Sidewalk Café hours of operation. The motion was seconded by Rolando Cespedes and all E.D. committee members present.

Vote	Favor	Against	Abstain
Committee	5	0	0
Board	-	-	-
Public	9	0	0

4. **4073 Broadway Rest. Inc. dba International Food House** – 4073 Broadway (bet. W. 171 & W. 172nd St.) No one represented the business. The 33 Precinct had no objection. The public raised no concern.

Vote	Favor	Against	Abstain
Committee	5	0	0
Board	-	-	-
Public	9	0	0

D State Liquor Authority New Application

On- premises Liquor License

Amistad Restaurant Inc. – 2178 Amsterdam Avenue (at the corner of W. 168th Street)

The establishment was represented by the Co-owner Ana Marte. Her mother, who is also co-owner of the business, was present as well. They have been in the community for 20 years as well as involved in business for 20 years. The establishment is not yet open, but the sign is already up. They are in the process of opening a family oriented restaurant serving Dominican Food .(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)The business is expecting to operate 7 days a week from 7am to 4:00 am. The establishment would have a bar with 7 seats and a DJ for music, but no dancing allowed. They are expecting to hire 15 to 20 full time employees. They started the process of opening the business on April 2010, when they obtained the lease. The 34 precinct is seriously concerned about giving a license to this business and the 33 precinct is absolutely against it due to serious problems that the police faced with the prior business established at this location.

Ana Marte, the co-owner expressed that they are aware of the problems faced by the police with the prior owner and indicated that their business will be managed differently as they are concerned about the community and they want to be part of the community as well. In addition, the co-owner indicated that they are taking measures, such as having bouncers outside; to make sure that no one stands outside making noise and will have cameras in and out to correct the noise problems that the prior owner had.

One person from the public complained that the same problems may happen again as soon as a liquor license is given and suggested to consider closing the business earlier.

Vote	Favor	Against	Abstain
Committee	1	1	4
Board	-	-	-
Public	9	2	4

Restaurant Wine License

1. El Malecon Restaurant - 4141 Broadway (at the corner of W. 175th Street)

The establishment was represented by Pablo Gomez, General Manager. The entity has been in business at the same location for 20 years. The restaurant used to be open 24 hrs. Then, its closing hours were changed to 2:00 am. Currently, its operating forms 7:00 am to 1:00 am. Sunday to Thursday and from 7:00 am to 2:00 is on Friday and Saturday. The business currently has 45 employees, most of them full time. The establishment has capacity for 119 people seated. It has a total of 16 cameras, 14 inside and 2 outside. The business is wheelchair accessible. The police had no objection and the public raised no concern.

Vote	Favor	Against	Abstain
Committee	5	0	0
Board	-	-	-
Public	11	0	3

2. El Paso Centro Americano Restaurant Inc -

Jose Alejandro Gomez, the owner, represented the business.

The establishment currently has 6 employees serving Salvadorian food and operates Sunday to Thursday from 10 am to 12 am, and Friday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 am. During the day time the business is family oriented and at night time people get some drinks. It has 3 cameras located inside de business. The establishment has 12 tables and capacity for 42 customers. The 33 precinct had no objection and the public raised no concern.

	Favor	Against	Abstain
Vote			
Committee	5	0	0
Board	-	-	-
Public	11	0	3

Eating Place Beer License

Tasty Delicatessen NYC Inc – 4020 Broadway (at the corner of W. 169th Street)

The establishment was represented by Santiago Francisco, co-owner. They have been operating the business for 3 years. The business has 10 tables and 4 employees. Its current hours of operation are 7 days a week from 6:00am to 7:30 pm. After they get the license, they are planning to operate from 6:00 am to 12:00 am.

The 33 precinct raised no objection and the public had no comment.

	Favor	Against	Abstain
Vote			
Committee	5	0	0
Board	-	-	-
Public	11	0	3

Department of Consumer Affairs Renewal of Unenclosed Sidewalk Café.

600 West 169th Restaurant Inc. dba Coogan's – 4015 Broadway (at the corner of W. 169th Street) the owner, Peter Walsh represented the business. The Sidewalk Café has capacity for 44 seats and 22 tables, however, on a regular basis, less than the total capacity is used. Currently the restaurant has 48 employees. The Sidewalk Café is open seasonally and operates up to 12:00 am. The 33 Precinct raised no objection and the public did not express any comment.

	Favor	Against	Abstain
Vote			
Committee	5	0	0
Board	-	-	-
Public	14	0	0

Note

Martin Collins, Robert Jackson Office's representative requested from Community Board 12 to inform him and the Robert Jackson office via email at Mcollinsnyc@yahoo.com about any application for license submitted by any business located from 5009 to 5099 Broadway and from 5008 to 5140 Broadway as soon as the Community Board receives the application.

The meeting adjourned at 9: 40 pm

RESOLUTION #1- RENEWAL- SLA- on Premises Liquor License- Noodle House Inc. dba Empire Szechuan

Whereas, Noodle House Inc. dba Empire Szechuan., located at 4041-4049 Broadway., has duly notified Community Board 12M of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its on premises liquor license; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on January 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application and establishment; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On-Premises Liquor License for Noodle House Inc. dba Empire Szechuan.

EDC 5-0-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 14-0-0

RESOLUTION # 2- RENEWAL- SLA- On Premises Liquor License- 187 Restaurant Corp.

Whereas, 187 Restaurant Corp., located at 591 Ft. Washington Avenue. has duly notified Community Board 12M of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its on premises liquor license; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on January 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application and establishment; and

Therefore be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On-Premises Liquor License for 187 Restaurant Corp.

EDC 5-0-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 14-0-0

RESOLUTION # 3- RENEWAL- SLA- On Premises Liquor License- Sol's Restaurant Inc. dba IL SOLE.

Whereas, Sol's Restaurant Inc. dba IL SOLE., located at 229-233 Dyckman Street., has duly notified Community Board 12M of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its on premises liquor license; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on January 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application and establishment; and

Whereas, Sol's Restaurant Inc. dba IL SOLE will be community friendly by agreeing to the sidewalk café reduced hours agreement from councilmember Robert Jackson's which is currently signed by the 3 neighboring restaurants on Dyckman Street.

Therefore be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On-Premises Liquor License for Sol's Restaurant Inc. dba IL SOLE.

EDC 5-0-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 16-0-0

RESOLUTION # 4- RENEWAL- SLA- On Premises Liquor License- 4073 Broadway Restaurant Inc. dba International Food House.

Whereas, 4073 Broadway Restaurant Inc. dba International Food House, located at 4073 Broadway., has duly notified Community Board 12M of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its on premises liquor license; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on January 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application and establishment; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On-Premises Liquor License for 4073 Broadway Restaurant Inc. dba International Food House.

EDC 5-0-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 9-0-0

RESOLUTION #5 - NEW- SLA- On Premises Liquor License- Amistad Restaurant Inc.

Whereas, Amistad Restaurant Inc. located at 2178 Amsterdam Avenue., has duly notified Community Board 12M of its intent to file an application for a new on-premises liquor license; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on January 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application and establishment; and

Therefore be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 **objects** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new On-Premises Liquor License for Amistad Restaurant Inc.

EDC 1-1-4, Board 0-0-0, Public 9-2-4

RESOLUTION #6 - NEW- SLA- Restaurant Wine- El Malecon Restaurant.

Whereas, El Malecon Restaurant. Located at 4141 Broadway., has duly notified Community Board 12M of its intent to file an application for a new restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on January 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application and establishment; and

Therefore be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for El Malecon Restaurant.

EDC 5-0-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 11-0-3

RESOLUTION #7 - NEW- SLA- Restaurant Wine- El Paso Centro Americano Restaurant Inc.

Whereas, El Paso Centro Americano Restaurant Inc. located at 4129 Broadway., has duly notified Community Board 12M of its intent to file an application for a new restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on January 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application and establishment; and

Therefore be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for El Paso Centro Americano Restaurant Inc.

EDC 5-0-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 11-0-3

RESOLUTION #8 - NEW- SLA- Eating Place Beer- Tasty Delicatessen NYC Inc.

Whereas, Tasty Delicatessen NYC Inc. located at 4020 Broadway., has duly notified Community Board 12M of its intent to file an application for a new eating place beer license; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on January 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application and establishment; and

Therefore be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Eating Place Beer License for Tasty Delicatessen NYC Inc.

EDC 5-0-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 11-0-3

RESOLUTION #9 - RENEWAL- DCA- Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe- 600 West 169th Restaurant Inc. dba Cogan's.

Whereas, 600 West 169th Restaurant Inc. dba Coogan's. Located at 4015 Broadway., has duly notified Community Board 12M of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its unenclosed sidewalk café license; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on January 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application and establishment; and

Therefore be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the Department of Consumer Affairs granting a renewal of its unenclosed sidewalk café license for 600 West 169th Restaurant Inc. dba Coogan's.

EDC 5-0-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 14-0-0

Land Use Committee Meeting – Minutes

January 5, 2011

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Richard Allman

Board Members

Joe Wojak
George Fernandez
David Kach

Public Members Present

Vivian Ducat

Guests: Evelyn Kalka-Quadriad/DPD, Julian Kaiser, Mary Wagner, Michael Aran, Linda Ogeni, Brooksie Hughes, Rebecca Bernstein, Henry Wollman, Rafael Valerio, Juan Rosa-Councilmember Robert Jackson, Edwin Marshall, NY Dept. City Planning, Betty Lehman-Isabella Geriatric Center, Gail Addiss

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin provide an update on the Historic District Council's "Six to Celebrate" initiative, noting that the proposal submitted by neighborhood volunteers for a proposed Inwood Historic District was accepted by the Historic District Council in this first round of "Six to Celebrate" as one of six New York City neighborhoods that merit preservation attention. It is anticipated that a presentation on the proposed Inwood District will be on the Land Use Committee's February agenda. Chair Benjamin also noted that two of the six proposals accepted by HDC in this first round of "Six to Celebrate" focus on areas of Upper Manhattan, the other Upper Manhattan proposal being a proposed expansion of the Mount Morris Park Historic District.
3. Henry Wollman, President and CEO of Quadriad Realty Partners ("Quadriad"), made presentation to the Land Use Committee ("Land Use," "LU" or the "Committee") on two scenarios for a development project proposed for two sites located at 190th Street and Broadway. The chairman of Quadraid is Herman Badillo. Mr. Wollman is the founding director of the Steven L. Newman Real Estate Institute at the City University of New York (located at Baruch College). He served as director from 1996 to 2007. In 2005, after the Newman Institute completed a major study on the future of affordable housing in New York City for the City Council and the Public Advocate (Betsy Gotbaum), Mr. Wollman and Me. Badillo founded Quadriad for the primary purpose of implementing the affordable housing strategy (the "New Strategy") outlined in the study.

The New Strategy approach assumes a significant increase in building density, floor area ratio or FAR (a multiple of 2.75% of the base FAR permitted by zoning), in exchange for a minimum of 30% of the units to be developed being permanently affordable rental or homeownership and the development of community facility space, community retail space, new public open space, enhancements to public infrastructure and the creation of urban design standards, to be approved by the Department of City Planning ("DCP"). New Strategy defines affordability equally in three income tiers (for a family of four) – 1/3 at or below 60% AMI, 1/3 between 61% AMI and 120% AMI and 1/3 between 121% AMI and 180% AMI. It also assumes that projects are undertaken with 100% private financing; no public-sector financing or subsidies. Sites for New Strategy projects must be a minimum of 40,000 square feet in Manhattan (30,000 square feet in the four other boroughs) and in close proximity to transit nodes (subway stations).

Mr. Wollman stated that the focus of New Strategy development is to produce a substantial number of permanently-affordable units, not just a small percentage as is provided for in Inclusionary Zoning. Williamsburg Terrace, a 270-unit mixed-income project under development in Williamsburg, is Quadriad's first project and employs many of the principals of "New Strategy" development. He also stated that

Quadriad has worked closely with the AFL-CIO Housing Trust and the Housing Trade Council to ensure union cooperation and that financing is available for proposed projects. He further stated that although Quadriad has worked to ensure that the New Strategy model is feasible it understands that community boards or city government will accept any given project. Its approach is to work from the grass-roots up, speaking with the community board and community residents to obtain comment on any proposed project, before approaching city government.

Mr. Wollman advised that Committee that Quadriad has been looking at a hypothetical project Broadway and 190th Street for about one year. Quadriad has not yet brought the project to the Department of City Planning ("DCP"); it want to begin dialogue with Community Board 12-Manhattan and the local community in order to obtain buy-in and comments on the concept, approach, etc. The proposed project is called Tryon Center. Mr. Wollman introduced Evelyn Kalka, president of development, planning and design, who continued the presentation with a PowerPoint that outlined details on Tryon Center. Ms. Kalka advised that Quadriad will provide the district manager with hard copies of the PowerPoint so that it can be made available to the full board and to members of the public. Chair Benjamin suggested that the district manager be provided with a digital version of the presentation.

Ms. Kalka provided an overview of the two development scenario for Tryon Center – an as-of-right development and a New Strategy development. In either scenario the project is proposed to be developed in two phases. Phase one consists of the development of an approximately 40,000 SF site on the east side of Broadway (the corner of Fairview Avenue and Broadway, adjacent to Gorman Park). Phase two consists of an approximately 60,000 SF on the west side of Broadway (southwest corner of 190th Street, adjacent to and including the funeral home, which is expected to remain). The current zoning of each site is R7-2, which has a maximum FAR, assuming community facility use, 6.5. The FAR assumed for the New Strategy project is 13.75. Phase one of the as-of-right project consists of 216 market rate units. Phase one of the New Strategy project includes 651 units of which 197 are affordable. Each scenario assumes 13,500 SF of above grade retail, 23,800 SF of below grade retail and 87,000 SF of community facility space. The New Strategy scenario also includes improvements to the entrance to the subway, including a new entry plaza, escalators, stairs and elevators (to make the entrance ADA-compliant) and improvements to Gorman Park (to be coordinate with NYC Parks Department). The building heights in the as-of-right project range from 23 to 29 stories. The building heights in the New Strategy project range from 32 to 42 stories. Ms. Kalka stated that the buildings are intentionally designed to be tall and slender to break their mass and to afford more light and air to the residential units. The buildings will be design to LEED Gold standards.

With regard to a project timeline, Mr. Wollman stated that Quadriad expects to be in dialogue with CB12 for the next three to four months. Then, if it is advancing a New Strategy project, a ULURP application will be submitted to DCP about May 2011. ULURP is anticipated to take one year. Construction commencement is projected for the fall of 2013.

Mr. Wollman offered to make Quadriad's financial consultant available to CB12-M so that it can ask questions directly on the project financing, need for the density/FAR increase, etc.

Some of the questions and comments raised by the Committee and guests present are outlined below.

- How does the proposed project impact the surrounding community?
- Why are the buildings so tall? What allows them to be so tall?
- The proposed buildings heights block views, light and air of existing buildings
- What type of land use applications does Quadriad expect to file with DCP?
- Are there other design approaches that can achieve the increases density and provide light and air to the new residential units but does not yield buildings that are so tall?
- What are the rents for the proposed affordable units? How do these rents compare to the rents for HPD-subsidized affordable units?
- Have the sites been purchased? Have contract been executed?
- Is the funeral home being displaced?
- How far above grade is the new public open space? How is it useable / accessible?

- Is the proposed new entry plaza to the subway at grade?
- What are the proposed changes / improvements to Gorman Park?
- If a New Strategy project is not to be pursued are any filings with DCP needed?
- Will there be a community preference set for the affordable units?
- What types of environmental studies have been completed? What type of environmental remediation is needed?
- Will the developer meet with focus groups of local residents to get feed-back on the project?
- Can Quadriad pay for a consultant not affiliated with the project to work with CB12-M to review the project's financial assumptions?

Mr. Wollman concluded Quadriad's comments restating that the presentation is intended begin a dialogue and to solicit feed-back. Quadriad expects to move forward with an as-of-right development but only expects to move forward with a New Strategy development with buy-in from the community board and the community. Chair Benjamin noted that the Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month and that Quadriad is welcome to return to further discuss the project.

4. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Benjamin

**HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT and HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES
JOINT MEETING – MINUTES – January 6, 2011**

H&E COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon (Chair), Isaiah Bing, David Kach, Helen Morik, Raybblin Vargas, Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

H&E COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Edgard Nau.

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CB 12 MEMBER PRESENT: Joseph Kalinsky, Gloria Vanterpool.

GUESTS: Gail Ryder, Administrative Director, Behavioral Health, NY-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH); Mary Hanrahan, Government Relations Specialist, Behavioral Health, NYPH; Julio Batista, Director of Community Affairs, NYPH; Jacqueline Victoria-Kline, Director, Children's, Adolescents and Family Support Clinic, Alianza Dominicana; Miriam Mejia, Alianza Dominicana; Alba Ardila, Satellite Clinic Director, Metropolitan Center for Mental Health (MCMH); Wilma Torres, MCMH; Betty Lehmann and Anabel Guerrero, Isabella Geriatric Center; Alex Caster-Porter; Ginia Addo.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Steve Simon, chair of the Health & Environment Committee (H&E). Both he and George Fernandez, chair of the Housing & Human Services Committee (H&HS), gave opening remarks, explaining that tonight's meeting was a continuation of a discussion on "The State of Mental Health Services in Our Community" that took place at a joint meeting of the two committees in December. S. Simon said he was pleased that all but one of the community providers he had contacted so far agreed to make presentations at these meetings.

1. **New York-Presbyterian Hospital** – Gail Ryder, Administrative Director, Behavioral Health, NYPH, reported on the services offered by the hospital at the Columbia campus at 168th St. and the Allen Hospital at 220th St.:
 - Acute Care – 59 adult in-patient beds at both sites are filled all the time
 - Allen Hospital's 30 beds also used for substance abuse treatment
 - 90% of patients are Spanish-speaking. Only bilingual mental health unit in NYC, it's a national model.
 - Plenty of communications and cultural challenges
 - 2 Emergency Rooms – 5,000 annual visits at 168th St. (Psychiatric ER is separate from regular ER), 1,400 annual visits at Morgan-Stanley Children's Hospital ER
 - Goal is to decrease # of ER visits; this is not the best way to care for these patients
 - Biggest problem in ER is to figure out what's wrong – mental illness not easy to diagnose; no other disease like it. Evaluation can take anywhere from 12-21 hours, including talking to patients, family and doctors.
 - Out-patient program – 48,000 adult visits per year (many have been coming for years); 35,000 child visits
 - Community-based clinics – integrated mental health/physical health program – 3 clinics for adults, 3 others for children at the Ambulatory Care Network sites
 - Focusing now on disease entities – new program in 2011 deals with connection between diabetes and depression
 - Mobile crisis teams – 2 staff at a time led by a physician, accompanied by a social worker, psychologist or case aide – operate 6 days a week – job is to ensure that patients who are treated and released by NYPH safe discharge plans, to shore up the treatment plan to prevent 2nd hospitalization and to respond to home emergencies. There is one team for each patient population, including one for the elderly. For example, when a window fell out in a grandmother's apartment, a team went to check on the condition.
 - NYPH sponsors mental health programs in 15 elementary schools (10 are in CB 12 area: PS 4, 28, 48, 115, 128, 132, 152, 173, 187 and 189). Deal with issues such as anxiety disorders, schoolphobia, depression, schizophrenia, across-the-board illnesses.
 - Willing to work collaboratively with all the other mental health providers in the community; agrees that reviving the old WH-I Mental Health Council is a good idea. "We can dialogue on what links us – housing, transportation issues, etc."

2. **Alianza Dominicana** – Jacqueline Victoria-Kline, Director, Children's, Adolescents and Family Support Clinic, 715 W. 179th St. (Holyhood Church basement), reported on her program as follows:
 - Has been operating as an Article 31 clinic since 1993, licensed by the NY State Office of Mental Health; just passed state survey and audit by Health Department – did very well on both
 - Provides psychiatry, individual, group and family therapy to children 5-21 years old and to their parents
 - Mission: focus on immigrants, often with recent immigrants experiencing adjustment problems, but schools label them as mentally retarded. Parents don't understand the system, need help.
 - 95% of clients are Latino; 83% Dominican
 - 92% from Washington Heights-Inwood; 39% from 10033; 44% are walk-ins
 - 143 active participants; children with anxiety disorders, destructive behavior, suicidal feelings, ADHD, bullying victims, etc. Do not deal with personality disorders
 - Have seen an increase in diabetes among children
 - Refer cases to NYPH ER when necessary
 - In 2009, clinic was designated to serve high-risk, severely emotionally disturbed children
 - Don't believe in children staying in therapy for 10-15 years
 - Very successful in getting children off medication and completing treatment plan
 - Team approach – including psychiatrist and therapist; staff is fully bilingual

3. **Metropolitan Center for Mental Health** – Alba Ardila, Director, Satellite Clinic, 1090 St. Nicholas Ave. (W. 165th St.), and Wilma Torres, Quality Improvement Coordinator, reported on their program as follows:
 - Organization has been in existence on the West Side since 1962; opened satellite office seven years ago
 - Moved here because patients were coming from this community
 - Provide individual, group, family, couples therapy to children and adults, 5-65+ years old
 - 2,000 patients at three sites; half at 165th Street -- open 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.
 - 100 clinicians, many part-time, 40 bilingual
 - Staff has been trained in different countries, which have different therapeutic models
 - Majority of patients in this office are Dominican; while treating patients, staff has "developed a lexicography of Dominican language terms"
 - Many patients are long-term
 - Use psychoanalytic approach to determine history of patient
 - W. 165th Street clinic also has separate substance abuse program
 - Willing to participate in a revived WH-I Mental Health Council

After a brief recess, the H&E Committee continued its own meeting.

4. **Update on Harlem Hospital** – Raybblin Vargas, CB 12 representative to Harlem Hospital Community Advisory Board, reported on the town meeting co-sponsored by Community Boards 9, 10, 11 and 12 on Dec. 4 at the hospital. It was the first time all four boards had worked together on such a meeting. The purpose was to "bring out the facts" and dispel rumors that the hospital would be closing. Doctors had been telling patients that they were leaving because the affiliation agreement with Columbia University was being terminated, causing panic. 115 people attended meeting; almost all local elected officials, including Congressman Rangel in his first public appearance after censure vote. This will be the first in a series of forums on budget cuts; next one will deal with state health care cuts being proposed by Governor Cuomo.

5. **Proposed Smoking Ban in Parks and Public Plazas** – S. Simon distributed a copy of a resolution passed by the Parks Committee in opposition to City Council Intro. 332/2010 "as it currently is worded" and in support of "a more modest proposal which would ban smoking at large public events in parks, include protections for forestland, and confine smoking on beaches to designated sections." The reso was referred to the H&E Committee for its consideration. The committee agreed that more research was required before it could take any action and tabled this item until the next meeting.

6. **New Business** – S. Simon and I. Bing, who are also members of the Land Use Committee, discussed mega-development proposal for both sides of Broadway and W. 190th Str. presented by Quadriad Realty Partners at the LU meeting last night. The project would include four towers – 42, 39 and 33 floors on the east side and either 45 or 32 floors on the west side – with 652 apartments, community facility space, retail space, open space, a renovated park, garages, a new subway tunnel, etc. Although presented as "a middle-class housing plan," 70% of the units would be market rate. S. Simon said this was the largest project he could recall being proposed for Washington Heights-Inwood in the last 30+ years. I. Bing said the community's infrastructure could not support such a massive development. It was agreed that this project would have to undergo a thorough environmental review if it were to be considered by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Simon

**Youth and Education Committee
Community Board 12
Thursday, December 9, 2010**

Present: Elizabeth Pepin - Chair, Fe Florimon – Asst. Chair, Jackie Rowe Adams, Juan Alonzo, Leonardo Blackman, Manny De Los Santos, Maria Luna, Angelo Ortiz, Alyce Smith, Rabblin Vargas

CB12 members: George Fernandez, 1st Vice Chair, David Kach

Absent:

Public: Hindie Weissman – HCSC; Maureen Campbell – HLA; Gloria Pazmino – Manhattan Times; David Gezelma – Hebrew Charter School; Eli Schaap; Marilyn Laves – Hebrew Charter School; Ilana Nossel; William Beltran; Juan Ignacio Rosa; Alex Carter Porter; Graham Parker.

Time Started: 7:13 pm

Agenda

The Sosua Hebrew Language Academy Charter School

- Distributed petition to support

Supporter: Dr. Ilana Nossel, works in Mental health Department at NY Presbyterian hospital

Supporter: Michael Benedict, parent in the community since 2007, member of 67 Overlook Terrace Co-op Board; has a child 9 months old and hopes to have the opportunity to have a school in the neighborhood that maximizes choice; likes the dual language aspect; grew up in Canada and learned three languages, Spanish, English, and French; worked in Israel, and knows of many companies that want to invest in opportunities that promote culture

Rabbi David Gedzelman, Executive Vice President, at the Hebrew Learning Academy Center in Brooklyn who also works in the Application Team

A charter School is a public school that is publicly funded but independently managed

- Makes contract with the state and must abide by all rules and regulations of the state
- Can establish its own standards
- Applying with SUNY to open a school by September 2012
- School in Brooklyn 2005
 - Model is three classes with only 25 students in each class
 - Each class is dual language
 - Start with Kindergarten and First Grade and every year add a grade
 - Will not be taking over existing public school space; will be housed in private space
 - Objective is to bring real choice and alternatives to parents who want
 - The application process is open; there is a preference for District 6 that will be chosen by the public lottery; if there are twins and they will both be chosen even though they don't test the same
 - School day is extended-day 8 hours
 - School year is extended year – 190 days instead of 180 days

- Catchment area is all of District 6 which is all Washington Heights
- Brooklyn school is very integrated with diverse backgrounds
- Father Alberto of the Intercession Church is part of the Application Team as a well as CB12 member and District Leader Maria Luna
- The story Sosua
 - During the WWII, DR was the first country to open up its doors to Jewish refugees; Sosua was the city where they went

Hindi Weissman

- Academic Approach
 - Students will have a balanced literacy approach given to them in a workshop model
 - They will have a robust library that they will have access to all day
 - Envision Math Program that has a technology component that will be held in a meeting area in a workshop model as well
 - Overall arching principle is that they meet students where they are at, and continuously work to assess their progress to make sure that they are advancing
 - Address demographic issues by having ESL, Phonics, Early Literacy Program that associates sounds and symbols; these students are in a early emerging models and will stay with the group so that they will develop with the group;
 - Special needs students will not necessarily be excluded unless specified by specific issues
 - Luxury of two teachers throughout the day; in Hebrew class two Hebrew speaking teachers
 - Ratio of student to teacher 12:1

Maureen Campbell, Principal

- Current and founding principal of Brooklyn school
- Children are involved in a school day of 8 am – 4pm
- Teachers are facilitators of learning that uses state standards to prepare for the formal State standards
- Teachers are assessors in a more informal manner of their needs
- Quality literature materials that will be distributed and tiered A, B, C, D, E, F level of assessment
 - This is a significant method to access level in Science, Mathematics, Literature, Hebrew, Languages, etc.
- Currently has 231 students
 - School has bilingual Spanish, Russian, French, Patois, Creole; these students are learning a third language Hebrew and are doing better than their non-bilingual counterparts.
 - Contrary to popular belief; bilingual students will pick up a third language with more facility and supported by American Council in the Teaching of a Foreign Language Learning.
 - These students tend to perform better academically.

- Service Learning Component of the curriculum; inquiry based learning that promotes discussion and analysis on things that actually impact the students in their every day lives; children are encouraged to ask why; to be valued as learners.
- The teacher to student ratio allows for the enriching experience of being valued as a learner, etc...

Q: George Fernandez:

What is the percentage of preference for District 6?

A: Maureen Campbell

- Brooklyn school CD 22 – Midwood
- In first year 2009, 75 seats open, 196 applications
 - 2 lotteries were conducted; first for in-district; second for out-of-district
 - Out-of-district was put on waiting lists.
- 2010 had more than 200 applicants so no other out-of-district was admitted; however, children with sibling preference are allowed.

Q: Alyce Smith

How do they get in?

A: David Gedzelman

They only need to be 5 years old, live in the district, and they will fill out an application to be put into the lottery

Q: Juan Alonzo

What percentage of Spanish speaking students are up to standard?

A: Hindi

Because it is a Hebrew learning language school so it levels everyone equally. Hebrew is taught in Hebrew are all in the same boat.

Q: Jackie Rowe Adams

How does the school manage Muslim students, with regards to prayer?

A: David Gedzelman

Each student will be individually accommodated according his or her needs.

Q: Manny de los Santos

Won't the extended-day program interfere with the after-school program?

A: David Gedzelman

We won't be offering after-school programs. A rich all day workshop model for academic training will be given.

Maureen Campbell

Level Learning Libraries allow for children to choose the level of work that they want to work with their instructors. The child that needs more academic services or more advanced services is continuously addressed by the collaboration of two teachers.

Q: Manny de los Santos

Since you open in 2009, can you point to a problem that seems to have arisen?

A: Maureen Campbell

Not a problem, but something to note, parents have become partners in the students education and children are bringing their education into their family lives and positively impacting their community. Changing a lot of paradigms in the process

Q: Angelo Ortiz

You mentioned the studies that learning more than 2 languages has impacted the

What do you say to people who believe that diverting funds from public schools?

David Gedzelman

The funding for District schools comes from a different pot, and they will be funded with other community partnerships

Q: David Katz

What do you do with twins?

A: David Gedzelman

If one gets in, then they both do.

Q: Alex

In its third, fourth year, will they accept additional children?

A: David

Yes, they plan to accept, mostly due to attrition.

Josh Karan, Education Activist

Request that we do not vote on this issue until next months meeting. We supported his PACT program, which met for the first time last night. He would like to have a discussion with these parents and have more parents attend this meeting before we pass a resolution.

Money that goes into charter schools DO get siphoned because of the way that districts are allocated funds based on the attendance of students in actual public schools. Why this model in Washington Heights. Questions who will be interested in applying in the school; would like a demographic breakdown of the Brooklyn school and how they think that will translate successfully into the Washington Heights demographics; would like to know about the dropout; Charter schools fragments a community struggle for funding needs as has been fought for and won in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity.

David Gedzelman

Demography is 55% white, 35% African-American, 9% Hispanic. It is the only school in the district. It is the most evenly distributed school in the area.

George Fernandez

Will your teachers have a background with culture diversity and special needs?

Hindi

Believe in immersion program

Juan Rosa,

Commend on the name, and not seek co-location, are you open to Mr. Karan's suggestion for a larger meeting?

Deadline

Steve Simon, why did you select this community in Washington Heights?

Maria Luna

Fe Florimon

Once you submit your application, how long will it take to get approved, and once approved, how long will it take to implement?

David Gedzelman

New Law that was created last May that affects the approval process.

It's in the prospectus that the program is able to demonstrate community support.

Josh Karan states that they have never attended the CEC.

The next upcoming Thursday, January 20

Basic Resolution:

We are in support of the application for Sosua Hebrew Language Academy School being submitted to the State University of New York Charter School Institute.

	Yes	No	Abstain
Committee Members	4	1	4
Other Board Member	1	1	1
Public	10	0	1

Committee for the Concerns for Aging
January 11, 2011

Committee Members Present:
Gloria Vanterpool
Edgard Nau excused
Glenda Massa, excused

Public Member
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Guests: Ethel Stoll , Zamira Setaro-Con Edison, Ginia Addeo, Ivan Grullon, Comprehensive Care Mgt. Corp, Representative

Meeting convened at 10:30am

Chairperson Gloria Vanterpool presided

Warm welcome was extended to all and all present introduced themselves

This meeting was hosted at one of our community senior centers (Dyckman Senior Center) directed by Carol Weeks

The Aging Committee decided that we should bring our meetings to the centers giving the members an opportunity to hear directly the on-going actions of Community Board #12 and how it impacts the concerns of the elderly. Minutes and announcements will be shared with the senior centers advisory councils periodically. A particular salute was given to our regular attendee at every meeting, Ms. Ethel Stoll, age 92yrs. She participates regularly on all discussions and offers us recommendations on all.

Committee Reports

Traffic & Transportation The aging chairperson attended their committee meeting in December at which the Aging Committee was asked to join in calling a Public Forum on Bike Safety.. It is in the planning for the Spring. A senior center member requested that special attention be directed to the vendors delivery service. Educate the delivery employees on bicycle laws forbidding bicycles riding on sidewalks that threaten the safety of pedestrians. At our next Aging Committee we will discuss the topic "Livable Streets" with a possible representative from DOT to give us some info on the new rules and planning to be implemented in the near future by the City .

Health & Enviroment Committee Report was given on Columbia Center for Community Partnerships Its main purpose : to provide health info to the community and disseminate info about CMMC research studies and recruit people who wish to participate in studies/ Aging Chairperson will invite representatives to a future meeting for more particulars. At the December meeting, representatives from community organizations that provide mental health services to community residents attended. They included N.Y. Presbyterian Health Service, Alianza, and Holyrood . A more complete listing will be provided at the next aging meeting. There was discussions on the possiblity of reactivating the Washington Mental Health Council which formerly existed and kept each other informed.

A special project " Get Healthy Harlem" that is providing support for Hypertension Awareness, Reduction & Education was mentioned , materials distributed and plans for a representative to speak at a future meeting is scheduled.

Boro President Advisory Our chairperson attend the November Meeting and the topic was "Livable Streets". A speaker, Dr. Eugene Borquin(PASS- Pedestrians for Accessible Safe Streets) teaches at the Helen Keller National Center and teaches members of the deaf & blind community how to travel. His organization is very concerned about the APS(Accessible Pedestrian Signal) device that allows a person with limited vision or hearing loss would be directed as to when and for how long they have full access to the crosswalk. The Mayor announced that 1500 devices are being installed through out the city. It was suggested that adjustments have to be made so they can address the full range of needs of this population. The Aging Committee will share this with others and possibly recruit an Action Committee from the complete board to address the issues surrounding the problem.

New Business

Comprehensive Care Mgt. Ivan Grullon Representative
A Program for all inclusive Care for the Elderly

Mr. Grullon presented a summary of the services offered at a new site in our Washington Hgts area at 920 Amsterdam Ave. @ 155th St.

These services are for persons 55 years or older who are currently on Medicare and or Medicaid

We will maintain contact with Mr. Grullon for info updates about this facility. Chairperson Vanterpool did visit the facility at the opening reception in the Fall. In the future, we are invited to visit and tour the facility as a group. Mr. Grullon distributed literature and answered questions from the audience in English and Spanish.

This meeting was well attended by the center's membership and the hospitality was exceptional

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 8th @ 10am Topic: Mental Health – Outreach Coordinator

Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee
January 4, 2011 (CB12 Offices at 711 W. 168th Street)

Committee Members Present: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair; David Kach, Assistant Chair; Joe Wojak; Cynthia Carrion; Yosef Kalinsky.

Committee Members Absent: Zead Ramadan, Mitchell Glenn

Staff: Paola Garcia

Guests: David Brodherson; Jennifer Hoppa – Parks; Roger Meyer; Gail Addiss; Pat Courtney; Carla Zanoni – DNA Info; Gloria Pazmino – Manhattan Times; Richard Lewis; Libby Howland; Ana Marte; Betty Lehman – Isabella Geriatric Center.

Meeting started: 7:08 PM

Welcome & Opening remarks by Liz Ritter, Chair

- Discussion on budget priorities. Still no information available CB12 FY'12 budget priorities.
- Columbia University/Baker Field development: no new developments on this projects; plans still working their way through the City's processes.
- Discussion of the Columbia University development prompted a spirited discussion about options, ideas, and models for public boat storage in the University's give-back section of Inwood Hill Park. There was also a general discussion around public perception of a lack of available information on what the City and University are going to do.
- Dyckman Marina update: No new information. Manhattan River Group (concessionaires) are still working through permitting issues with DEP, and hopes to be able to give a presentation of in the Spring once permits are granted.
- NYC Economic Development Corporation is slated to attend the February meeting to present a refined conceptual design for the Harlem River Esplanade and announce the date for the planning study's final community advisory meeting.
- Courts dismissed cases against Inwood Hill Park chess players.

Agenda items

History of Isham Park by Gail Addis and Pat Courtney (Inwood residents)

Gail and Pat produced an extensive, thoroughly researched, and detailed Power Point presentation on the history of Isham Park, the Isham family, and how Isham land was granted to the City. The presentation was about an hour in duration and included about 120 slides. Kudos to both women for a fascinating presentation.

There's a volunteer group for Isham Park. Check their blog, "Volunteers for Isham Park" if you are interested in getting involved. The website is: <http://volunteersishampark.blogspot.com/>

New business/Announcements: Dance Theater of Harlem hosting a Sunday Matinee Series, 1/9 3 PM, Everett Center for Performing Arts.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9pm.

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Committee Reports

Traffic & Transportation The aging chairperson attended their committee meeting in December at which the Aging Committee was asked to join in calling a Public Forum on Bike Safety.. It is in the planning for the Spring. A senior center member requested that special attention be directed to the vendors delivery service. Educate the delivery employees on bicycle laws forbidding bicycles riding on sidewalks that threaten the safety of pedestrians. At our next Aging Committee we will discuss the topic "Livable Streets" with a possible representative from DOT to give us some info on the new rules and planning to be implemented in the near future by the City .

Health & Environment Committee Report was given on Columbia Center for Community Partnerships Its main purpose : to provide health info to the community and disseminate info about CMMC research studies and recruit people who wish to participate in studies/ Aging Chairperson will invite representatives to a future meeting for more particulars. At the December meeting, representatives from community organizations that provide mental health services to community residents attended. They included N.Y. Presbyterian Health Service, Alianza, and Holyrood . A more complete listing will be provided at the next aging meeting. There was discussions on the possibility of reactivating the Washington Mental Health Council which formerly existed and kept each other informed.

A special project " Get Healthy Harlem" that is providing support for Hypertension Awareness, Reduction & Education was mentioned , materials distributed and plans for a representative to speak at a future meeting is scheduled.

Boro President Advisory Our chairperson attend the November Meeting and the topic was "Livable Streets". A speaker, Dr. Eugene Borquin(PASS- Pedestrians for Accessible Safe Streets) teaches at the Helen Keller National Center and teaches members of the deaf & blind community how to travel. His organization is very concerned about the APS(Accessible Pedestrian Signal) device that allows a person with limited vision or hearing loss would be directed as to when and for how long they have full access to the crosswalk. The Mayor announced that 1500 devices are being installed through out the city. It was suggested that adjustments have to be made so they can address the full range of needs of this population. The Aging Committee will share this with others and possibly recruit an Action Committee from the complete board to address the issues surrounding the problem.

New Business

Comprehensive Care Mgt. Ivan Grullon Representative
A Program for all inclusive Care for the Elderly

Mr. Grullon presented a summary of the services offered at a new site in our Washington Hgts area at 920 Amsterdam Ave. @ 155th St.

These services are for persons 55 years or older who are currently on Medicare and or Medicaid

We will maintain contact with Mr. Grullon for info updates about this facility. Chairperson Vanterpool did visit the facility at the opening reception in the Fall. In the future, we are invited to visit and tour the facility as a group. Mr. Grullon distributed literature and answered questions from the audience in English and Spanish.

This meeting was well attended by the center's membership and the hospitality was exceptional

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 8th @ 10am Topic: Mental Health – Outreach Coordinator

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES – MINUTES

Public Hearing January 20, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBER

George Fernandez, Chair
Juan Alonzo
Carol Mulligan
Palanque North

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Melanie Hidalgo
Alyce Smith

BOARD

Obie Bing
Steve Simon
Chair, CB12 Pamela

Maria Luna
Fe.Fermon

Public Member: Anthony Parsons did not attend
Member of the Public- see attached sign in sheet

Guests: NYSARC Inc. New York City Chapter AHRC

Opening Remarks

George Fernandez, III, 1st vice chair of CB12 and Chair of Housing and Human Services called meeting to order at 7:15 pm, and it was seconded by Obie Bing.

George Fernandez introduced himself to the public and stated on the record “that for the purpose of the meeting his role will be that of Chair of Housing and Human Services. Chair went on to thank the members of HHS committee who were able to make it to the meeting and thanked CB12M members, the public, *Association for the help of Retarded Children (AHRC)*, the State representative of *The New York State Office of Persons With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)* and the family members of the individual for which this hearing is being held.

Chair went on to read meeting agenda into the record and stated the topics and discussions as follow

- NYSARC, Inc New York City Chapter (AHRC) in conjunction with the New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to establish a community residential facility for a person who is mentally retarded and developmentally disabled at 530 West 157th, New York, New York 100032
- Testimonies and comments from the public
- Questions and answers
- Hearing body to vote on application

John Flaherty representative of AHRC was asked to speak first to the application being presented before the board. He began with saying that AHRC has been providing services for the past 50 yrs and that they are required by law to submit a 40 day letter to community board in regards to the intent to establish a community residential facility, and to put all comments on the record.

John Flaherty went on to say:

He is known to us for years raised in Washington Heights currently lives in the Bronx but for a small setting one apt under consideration closer to his family with staff monitoring 24 hrs. Ms. Kaplan, Ms. Ramirez, who are managers of AHRC programs in Manhattan & the Bronx and he will attend program escorted by escort. He's living with us in another home at this time. He is aware of moving into an apartment closer to family. The apartment is a lovely 1st floor apt and we're very excited about the opportunity.

Chair thanks Mr. Flaherty for sharing and asked if there any other staff members from AHRC who like to speak to the application:

Barbara Kaplan director of Real Property stated she's a resident of CB12. This is a rental Apt 18 month lease. Renovated by the management company and is in very good order. Ms Kaplan went on to say she is in charge of renovating the apartment so it can be certified by State of New York. Building is rent-regulated building. It's not furnished AHRC will furnish apartment on behalf of individual.

Chair went on to ask if there was another representative who like to speak to the application.

James Doherty representative of The State of New York, LCSW-R stated that he is fairly new to the position and has the opportunity to review the case and does not believe there to be any issues with saturation.

Chair thank Mr. Doherty for speaking to the application

Chair asked if the were any testimonies or comments form the public

- Judith Green # 2 Testimony & /or comments on this application? Question or comment from the public

Ms. Ducat's letter will be read into the record.

Vivian Ducat
790 Riverside Drive
12A
NY NY 10032
January 17, 2011

Re: Public Hearing re: 530 wests 157th Community Housing Facility
To the Members of the Housing Committee:

For those of you who don't already know me, I am Vivian Ducat, a Washington Heights resident, co-chair of the Riverside Oval Association and a former CB12 member (2005-2008) and a current public member of the Land Use Committee. I have been active in the community even longer than my community board tenure. I am also the parent of two children on the autism spectrum, one of whom will probably never be able to live independently and will require a similar arrangement when he gets a little bit older. (Some of you might have met him when I brought him with me to the November 2010 general meeting.) Last but not least, I also write as the real estate agent who rented the apartment on 157 street to AHRC, the social service agency. I got this particular "gig" through people I know in the disability community who knew that I would be a sensitive agent for AHRC to work with because of my own family's issues.

I would like to join you at your Committee hearing on January 20th but it is my older son's 16th birthday, and therefore I will have to be with my family. Instead, I am writing you in support of the application filed by the agency, AHRC, to use the apartment at 530 West 157th street as a residence for a single individual.

Here are some things you should know:

1. The individual who is slated to live there has been a member of the Washington Heights and Inwood community for his entire life. This individual grew up in Hudson View Gardens at 116 Pinehurst Avenue, where his mother still lives. Prior to the family's move to Hudson View Gardens in the early 1980's, they lived in Inwood.
2. When I was asked to find a rental apartment by the AHRC agency for this person to live in the directive that I was given was to find a place in Washington Heights, so that he could be near his mother who still lives at 185th and Pinehurst, I want to emphasize that this isn't a case of people who are not from the community being "dumped" here in Washington Heights. This individual is one of our own local residents.
3. I also want to point out that the residence at 530 W. 157th that AHRC plans will be for one person only, the individual described above. The apartment is a two bedroom, and in the other room, there will be twenty-four hour care, multiple shifts so that there will always be someone awake who is with him. The situation seems ideal to me.
4. Last but not least, you should know that besides his mother who lives in Washington Heights, the sister of the individual is on the board of AHRC and plays a very active role not only in the life of her brother but also in the directorial oversight of the agency.
5. Last but not least, from pictures of the individual which I was sent and supplied to the landlord, the individual is personable, and would not behave in a way that his new neighbors would find objectionable.

Please be in touch with me directly if there are any other doubts or questions that you might have.

Vivian Ducat
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Judith Green (Public member) asked John Flaherty speak what was the previous living condition prior to this application? What is the nature of the disability? Developmental disability currently lives in a larger group home.

John F answered another agency will work with the individual who are trained and will. Travel with and work with him

Fe. Fermon CB12M asked a questions to Barbara Kaplan Is this a replica of a program that exists somewhere else?

Steve Simon spoke and stated he is pleased on the individual's status of affordability of housing stock. NYSARC Inc NYC chapter is lease holder of apartment. As a corporate entity they have a rate of \$2614.98 Legal rent they are paying \$1849

Steve Simon expressed concern about the landlord and the apartment being deregulated and if in fact that the individual who is top live there would have to worry that the landlord will raise the rent. Steve went to asked who was the landlord

Barbara Kaplan responded; Landlord is **Westside Ventura LLC** and

- Judith asked if there was feasibility study conducted for the immediate area
- Barbara Kaplan from AHRC stated yes that a fair market value rate study was provided by OPWDD
- Juan Alonzo HHS member asked if AHRC was using tax dollars, Ms Kaplan replied that they are funded with city, state and federal funds to run school program
- Chair asked that we remain on the topic and that the HHS committee would follow up on the issue with landlords charging higher rents to non – Profit agencies.

Chair George Fernandez moved on to explain that there was not a forum to vote on whether the HHS committee objects or supports the application. There fore a vote was not held.

Maria Luna arrived to the meeting about 8:10 pm and was briefed and she was on favor of the project

Carol mulligan expressed that she believes there should be no more group homes and more services as the aforementioned should be provide for individuals with disabilities

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Resolution supporting the application by NYSARC Inc, New York City Chapter - AHRC, to establish a community residential facility at 530 West 157th Street

- Whereas:** NYSARC, Inc., New York City Chapter – AHRC, in conjunction with the New York State Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), plans to establish a community residential facility for a developmentally disabled person at 530 West 157th Street, New York, NY10032; and
- Whereas:** Appropriate notice was given to Community Board 12-Manhattan, which held a public hearing on January 20, 2011; and
- Whereas:** This individual currently lives in another AHRC residential facility and will be attending an adult day program during the week, traveling with an escort; and
- Whereas:** A Direct Support Professional (DSP) will be present round-the-clock whenever he is home, and a registered nurse will visit to provide ongoing training to the DSP in the areas of general health issues and specific medical issues that may arise in the residence. Otherwise, medical care and other treatment and training activities will be provided in the community; and
- Whereas:** An individualized plan of care has been developed to address his need for supervision, assistance and training. The plan focuses on personal care, accessing the community, shopping, recreation, household chores, food preparation and similar aspects of living and working in the community; and
- Whereas:** The New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) will certify the proposed program to operate as an Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) for one person; and
- Whereas:** A representative of NYSARC, Inc. stated at the hearing that this agency is the leaseholder of the apartment, that the landlord (West Side Ventura LLC) told her that the legal rent is \$2614.98, that the last legal rent for the prior tenant was \$894.76 and that NYDSARC, Inc. will be charged a preferential rent of \$1849 for its initial 18-month lease; and
- Whereas:** James Doherty, who represented OPWDD at the hearing, stated that his agency had conducted a fair market review of the rent and deemed it to be appropriate for the neighborhood. However, members of Community Board 12 and the public stated that the almost 300% rent increase claimed by the landlord was unreasonable, deplored the loss of rent-regulated housing and feared that the “preferential rent” could be raised drastically after the lease expires, jeopardizing the resident’s ability to remain there; and
- Whereas:** Members of the Community Board 12 and the public attending the hearing otherwise expressed support for the planned residential facility and agreed that there was no issue regarding oversaturation of such facilities in the community, especially since this facility would house only individual; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan does not object to the plan by NYSARC Inc., New York City Chapter – AHRC, to establish a community residential facility for a developmentally disabled person at 530 West 157th Street, New York, NY 10032; and be it further

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon the New York State Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities to take into account the need to preserve the affordable housing stock in Washington Heights-Inwood and in other communities when it approves the siting of community residential facilities in the future.

Minutes of Traffic & Transportation Meeting – January 10, 2011

Committee Members

James Berlin, Acting Chair
Anita Barberis
Mitchell Glenn

Committee Members Absent

Edith Prentiss
Cheryl Pahaham
Rafael Lugo

Board Members

Staffer: Deborah Blow

Guests: Emily Weidenhof, Project Manager-DOT, Dennis Reeder, Exec. Director, Washington Heights Inwood Development Corporation(WHIDC), Gail Addiss-Resident

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With George Preston's resignation from the Board, Jim Berlin, as Acting Chair, opened the meeting at 7:10pm and welcomed our guests.

As we did not have quorum, we could not approve the 11/1/10 Minutes, nor could we introduce a new member to this committee, as she was not in attendance.

Proceeding to the third item on our agenda, Dennis Reeder of WHIDC and Emily Weidenhof, Proj. Manager of DOT's, Dept of Design & Construction gave us an overview of the plans for the Plaza de Las Americas located at 174th St between Broadway and Wadsworth Ave, which will be presented in detail at our February meeting.

This area presently occupied by vendors during the day will also be open to the community and include movable furniture, water fountains and baths, art work and more.

During the construction phase, the vendors need to be re-located and DDC requested that we recommend an area that vendors may use during this interim period.

The schedule of events include: a second Charette for the community on January 31, 2011, with a preliminary design by February 23, 2011 and review by March 13, 2011.

Jim Berlin presented photos of:

- 181 St "A" subway station where it seems that the vending machines for Metro-cards are jammed to enable folks to sell a swipe to potential riders.
- He also distributed a Daily News article about the falling ceilings on the "1" at 168th subway station.
- Other MTA issues were raised -the continuous pattern of the #4 busses traveling in packs – two and three busses are following each other going north and south in our community. Is there a better way to disperse them so one does not have to wait 20-30 minutes for the next #4?
- What is the current path or map of the M-3 bus?
- When will our community have the electronic message centers on the train platforms and in the bus pedestrian shelters advising the customer how many minutes before the arrival of the next train or bus?

The Committee requested a representative from MTA to address these issues at our next meeting. J. Berlin will ask our District Manager to invite Marcus Book of MTA with the above list of inquiries.

In pursuing a date for a public hearing on bike lanes in our community, we reviewed the five requests made by Livable Streets.

- 1) East-West connectors along major cross streets. DOT is first reviewing three Dyckman St. areas: Broadway, Nagle & 10th Ave. for safety of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Any bike path may be placed on another street.
- 2-4) All of these requests impact parks, so we will ask our Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee to join us in this discussion as well as Concerns of the Aging Committee.
- 5) Upgrade bike lanes along St. Nicholas, Broadway, Ft. Washington, Riverside & Seaman falls under our jurisdiction and will be addressed during this public forum.

Inquiry made by Gail Addis with reference to status of rehabbing the 215 Steps. No news as to what plans will be put into effect. Need to check.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anita Barberis

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2011

Committee Members Present

Frank Alvarez
Cheryl Pahaham
Julissa Gomez

Committee Members Absent

George Cruz
Tony Lopez

Board Members Present

Staffer: Deborah Blow

Guests: Carla Zanoni-DNA Info, Samuel Richardson-Project Renewal, Deputy Inspector Joe Dowling-33rd Pct.

Mr. Frank Alvarez convened the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Carla Zanoni: Mentioned a shooting on St. Nicholas Ave. & 191st Street at Lulu. Serie 56 had been shut down by police but was open recently. Alvarez: Noted that Serie 56 had a history of wrongdoing and had been featured on TV. Zanoni: Reported that Serie 56 was supposed to be closed for one year but had reopened on New Year's Eve. C. Pahaham: Questioned whether it was a private party. Zanoni: Responded that she did not know, and noted that Captain Navarro had been working diligently on the specifics surrounding the incident. She also reported that 34th police precinct community council voted on a resolution calling on the NYPD to maintain the recently added 60 officers in the district and to place some of them in Inwood.

Alvarez: Asked what Project Renewal does. Richardson: We provide services and shelter. Alvarez: There are numerous sexual predators living at that facility. Richardson: I don't have anything to do with that.

Deputy Inspector Dowling arrived and provided an update on crime stats for the 33rd Precinct.

For 2010, there were 877 total index crimes, versus 876 in 2009. Police were still investigating possible false reports that could reduce the index crime rate for 2010. There were 3 homicides, same as 2009, but these stats could be increased pending a determination of criminal negligence. An individual who relied on home health aides was left unattended while bathing and drowned in the bathtub. The other two homicides were stabbings and those cases have been closed. In 2010, there were 21 rape cases compared to 15 in 2009. The victims knew the perpetrators. In some cases, it was nonconsensual because of age; the victim was under the legal age of consent. Gomez: Is there an effort to crack down on these crimes? Dep. Insp. Dowling: We go to churches and speak to community members. Gomez: Do parents make complaints in these cases? Dep. Insp. Dowling: Mixture, sometimes child gets pregnant or it's boyfriend/girlfriend breakup. 246 robberies in 2010 versus 225 robberies in 2009, and the 2010 number is the same number as 2008. Robberies mostly happened in lower east and south sections of precinct. Made lots of arrests. There were 173 felony assaults in 2010, versus 199 in 2009. Decline is attributed to closing 5 social clubs that were problematic. In 2010, there were 99 burglaries versus 134 in 2009. There were 269 instances of grand larceny in 2010 versus 231 in 2009; majority results from unattended property, typically left in parked cars, and also purse snatchings and home thefts by visitors. We need more public education on how to safeguard property. We've seen an increase with fraud involving cell phones and bankcards. Grand larceny auto is down 3 from last year, when we had over 500 car break-ins. Gomez: Which streets? Dep. Insp. Dowling: Riverside, Edgecombe, Haven, Fort Washington Avenue. We have used bait cars that would lock thieves into the car. Alvarez: Are these repeat offenders? Dep. Insp. Dowling: We keep a list of arrestees. If they are repeat offenders, the District Attorney will push for the max, but sentencing is up to the judge. The majority of the people doing this are drug dependent. Zanoni: What about the 16-year old who was stabbed to death? Dep. Insp. Dowling: That was at 575 West 177th Street and is still pending--under investigation. Narcotics related. Gomez: When you say "drugs," are you referring to marijuana? Dep. Insp. Dowling: Marijuana is associated with a very violent drug trade. Dealers prefer marijuana because they don't get locked up as with controlled substances. This is a serious issue because of the violent trade. Look at the overall effect on the community. Shooting

incidents are mostly marijuana deals gone bad. That is my concern—the impact of the violent trade on the community. Don't underestimate the violence associated with marijuana.

Alvarez: Let's discuss an agenda for the committee for 2011. Pahaham suggested that the committee host an educational forum on how to safeguard property to reduce car break-ins and other thefts, and that the committee have offsite meetings in residential buildings around the district to hear from residents who can give the committee a sense of what it can and should be doing. Zanoni suggested that people are worried about muggings and noted that the residents of Park Terrace Gardens had recently formed a public safety committee and might be interested in working with CB12. Richardson suggested that community residents needed to be organized and taught to look out for each other. Gomez suggested hosting a meeting in the synagogue on Bennett near 190th Street, an area that has had lots of muggings.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Pahaham, 01/20/2011