

Community Board 12 Manhattan
General meeting- January, 25, 2011
1150 Broadway – Pavilion

Jackie Rowe Adams
Richard Allman
Frank Alvarez
Anita Barberis
Wayne Benjamin
James Berlin
Isaiah Bing
Leonardo Blackman
Rolando Cespedes
George Cruz
Mireya Cruz- Diaz
Many De los Santos
George Espinal
George Fernandez
Fe Florimon
Mitchell Glenn
Melanie Hidalgo
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter
Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky

Maria Luna
Helen Morik
Carole Mulligan
Edgar Nau
Cheryl Paham
Dr. Palanque-North
Elizabeth Pepin
Edith Prentiss
Zead Ramadan
Tamara Rivera
Angela Sanches
Steven Simon
Alyce Smith
Gloria Vanterpool
Rabblin Vargas
Joe Wojak

Excused (3)
Tony López
Glenda Swanson-Masa
Jullisa Gomez

Absent (6)
Juan Carlos Alonzo
Nicole Foster
Ernest David Kach
Rafael Lugo
Angelo Ortiz
Cynthia Carrion

I. Chairs Report/ Informe del Presidnete: Dr. Pamela Palanque – North

- Chair of the board called meeting to order at 7:11 pm, chair announced that we do not have quorum and that we need 5 members more to establish quorum. The chair asked the public if is any ones first time attending a general meeting and if so thank you for coming out to general meeting. Chair called for the adoption of the minutes, Chair asked that everyone read the public sessions rules. Explained that there are no debates during the public session. Chair of the board offers water to the public assembly.

We have quorum at 714 pm, 23 board members in attendance.

- Chair is asking to adjust the meeting agenda, so that we can introduce new business and than chair reports George Fernandez, 1st vice chair seconds the motion to amend the agenda to move up to new business, because we have a member to propose a resolution from Housing and Human Service committee and would like to present it while we have quorum.

Assembly voted to move up the agenda.
21 YES - 4 - No - 0 Abstain

- Chair continues; Community board 12 and Community Board 9 sent 21 youth to attend the New Jersey Nets games, it was Russian culture night and he wanted to send youth. Chair did the networking with local agencies; the problem living in Manhattan is that you need transportation. A transportation grant was written in 48 hours two assembly members contributed to the transportation thank you assembly member Farrell jr., and assembly member Wright for making it possible.
- "I met with Senator Espaillat in regards to day care centers and other community needs. Chair made reference to charter schools and partnering with other CBOs to form a discussion around how charter schools and public schools operate
- Chair spoke to matter of Brownfield working with chair Steve Simon of Health and Environment and Assistant Chair Isaiah Bing in commenting on the matter; a letter was sent asking for CDC for more time to comment on site, Columbia University in regards to learning about where the board will be moving,

Chair introduces new CB12M committee chairs-

quality of life. I know they are looking for a renewal and do believe they are looking, I sent a letter the state liquor authority. Inspector Dowling showing paper work on the case.

- There was an arrest at 157 stations, are the police going to walk at the entire block down 156 We did 4 arrest – pills are being traded a black market on going, this past year we did 4 search warrants and took over apartment. We sue the sibling and the apartment gets rented out to new people Restaurant nuisance abatement
- We will continue to make arrest, on going investigations and don't want to impede investigations 12 new officers, I'm also going to address different units not just narcotics, but also cording with transit and found that they are dealing at the steps of the train station Some officers are in plain clothes

Chair CB12M "is there representative for the Manhattan Borough President" no rep present, we will know move into Public session

V. Public Session

Yovanka Bylander Buena's noche request from the assembly to go first, "I only need 30 seconds I'm the president of the Citizens and encourage communities to apply for a neighborhood improvement grant to resident who wants to make a project to improve their communities; the dead line is January 31, we fund crime watch. We will help abandon lots to clean them up lots

The Anti Tobacco Campaign

We represent YMCA in collaboration in Manhattan city Campaign is basically to raise awareness in the community of how the Tobacco Company is advertising in stores and it's important that the youth see the School 366, we trying to track retail and schools and make it 1000 feet. Speaker talks about about the marketing of tobacco industry to create each year 400,000 American it kills more Americans, 90 percent lung cancer cases 1 in 5 cause heart disease

Angelica Nunez

- More influence by advertisement 75 teenager are exposed

Madelyn

- "and it's never too late to quit smoking 'in two to three two weeks From a national survey in 1994 tobacco is a highly addictive product"

Question from the assembly; do you have a position on banning the smoking in parks? There group for the band of smoking in the parks 195 Broadway and lower east in Delany Street

Jyna Scheeren -Representative of the Inwood library

- I'm the new manager, I just got here in November Gina Sharren, I was working in Inwood and this a great community We have ESL classes at our branch three times a year, Tax forms are in anyone needs New programming for teens and students 3- 4 hours a week, after school tutors Looking for out reach opportunities Educating learn a new language The library can come out and present it to your organizations
- *Jacob Morris*, Director of the Harlem historical society I want thank the board for many things that we have approved, its approval its sugar hill law, thank the chair and the parks committee in forming of the black and Dominican community 'I believe in community boards, there a some people that say it's not in the jurisdiction of the community board, How many of you just recently, heard about Cathy black; she stated there are children so many children born and there are no seats, and she make a remark about birth control Suosa Hebrew language charter school, if the public wishes to read on this charter school you can read on the charter school. We will not be using public space but private space each class will have 25 students. It will be offering an extended school day and extended school year We will be using a work shop model We intend to serve a diverse community, ESL, special needs, students

Senator Espaillat Representative – Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

Directed assembly and the public to read the written report and talked briefly about the department of education of it closure of JFK and proposals of New Visions Charter schools and that public hearing are being held in various boroughs. Ms. Ritter went on to say; it is important to Senator Espaillat for adequate community involvement, because this school serves CB12M students.

Public Session Closed

Committee Chairs report

George Espinal her on behalf on Nicole Foster

A recommendation for the renewal of premises liquor license in Noodles house The committee voted in favor there were objections from the 33 rd pct The second establishment There was a conflict at 187 corp. is doing business as Mexicana, Sol who is renewing – committee voted 5 in favors, Concerns raised by Robert Jackson and assembly member Denny Farrell.

Frank Hess the intent of the resolution was written poorly for the restaurant would meet with council member Jackson, there would not be any objection

Steve Simon wishes to add a friendly amendment

Yes,

- Where as Robert Jackson and Assembly Farrell jr. that have informed CB12M have refuse to cooperate to reduce noise disturbance by agree to close it hours as other restaurants
- There be it resolved objects to the renewal of El Sol liquor license will enter economic development resolutions.

1. Noodle House, Inc. dba Empire Szechuan, located at 4041-4049 Broadway
34-0-0
2. 187 Restaurant Corp., located at 591 Ft. Washington Ave.,
34-0-0
3. Sol's Restaurant, Inc. dba Il Sole, located at 229-233 Dyckman Street
34-0-0
4. 4073 Broadway Restaurant, Inc. dba International Food House, located at 4073
Broadway 33-1-0
5. Amistad Restaurant Inc. located at 2178 Amsterdam Avenue
33-1-0
6. El Malecon Restaurant, 4141 Broadway,
32-2-0
7. El Paso Centro Americano Restaurant, Inc., 4129 Broadway.
34-0-0
8. Tasty Delicatessen NYC, Inc, 4020 Broadway
34-0-0

Economic Development Committee- Minutes

February 1, 2011

EDC Members Present: Tony Lopez, Rolando Cespedes, Melanie Hidalgo, Leonardo Blackman, Mireya Cruz, George Espinal, Angela Sanchez

EDC Members Excused: Nicole Foster; Edith Prentiss

C B 12 Members Present:

Staff Members Present: Paola Garcia

Public: Spiridon Argiros – Capitol Restaurant; Marlen J. Barrero; Ada Almonte; Aurora Tavares; Nicole Lugo – MAS; Hortencia Nunez; Anne Krasser – CLOTH; Patricia Abreu; Patrick Smith; Luis Aquino – RA Restaurant; Jay Dias; Ariel Ferreira; Lt. Murphy – 33rd PCT; Ramon Upia; Frank Hess – Assemblyman Farrell; Juan Ignacio Rosa – Councilmember Jackson's Office; Minerva Santos – Vida Mexicana; William Segura – SAZONES; Jose Fermin; Alexander Pena – Ft. Tryon Café; Martin Ziga.

Tony Lopez presiding over the meeting on behalf of the Chair Nicole Foster.

Tony Lopez explained the roles and responsibilities of the committee as well as a quick run down of the items on tonight's agenda

Ariel Ferreira from New York Women's Chamber of Commerce- Business and Financing Specialist. He spoke briefly of the services provided by NYWCC.

1. Mambi Restaurant Corp. – 4181 Broadway -Tony Lopez called the owners of Mambi Restaurant. 33rd Pct No Objections. No objections from community.

2. Eskina 214 Corp. dba Tabaco y Ron- Owners not present currently- 34th Precinct has no objections but with a stipulation they continue to soundproof the location. Lt. Muniz states the premises is currently undergoing soundproofing. 34th Pct states there has been two 311 complaints YTD (2011) and 33 Noise complaints for 2010.

Community Resident- States the soundproofing is only at one side of the establishment. The music is excessively loud from 11:30pm to 2:00am. The restaurant turns into a club after 11:30pm. Resident states the Dept of Environmental Protection was on sight previously and sited the establishment exceeded the appropriate decibel level.

A second community resident (spoke Spanish translated by Tony Lopez) Resident states walls are vibrating, patrons yell at all hours of the night especially at 5:00am. Residents states some sort of smug or smoke is emitted from the establishment and enters the resident's apartment. A representative Julian Sanchez (associate Partner) from the establishment states they no longer have a DJ at their site. **One week from today the soundproofing of the location will be completed.** The owner of the establishment is William Segura.

30 Tables, Open at 5pm to 2am, 7 Days a Week. Mr. Sanchez states the establishment is closed at 2am. Residents refute the claim and state noise exceeds to 230 to 330am. The DJ will return after the soundproofing is complete.

Mr. Barrera (community resident) - is concerned about the smoke from the establishment. He recommends the establishment to clean their exhaust fans. Add language to resolution to stipulate business owner must complete soundproofing of entire establishment and affirmed by Lt Muniz of the 34th Precinct. CB12M to request DEP to re inspect location. **** FOLLOW UP on FEB 18, 2011** BEFORE FULL BODY VOTE on TUESDAY FEB 22, 2011.**

3. Vide Mexicana Inc. dba Papasitos- 233 Dyckman Street- Ms. Minerva Santos the owner is Mr. Eugenio Chavez. Owner could not be present but he is ill. Ms. Santos states she filed to the CB12M and the SLA to alter the location to include a storage area in the basement of the location. The liquor is currently housed in the bar area which is technically not allowed or permitted by state regulations. Tenants of the building have filed numerous complaints to the 34th Precinct about the excessive noise, noisy patrons and altercations but individuals that were not stopped by management or security of the premises. 5 Noise complaints from 311 calls for 2010 and 1 Noise Complaint for 2011 YTD. The 34th Precinct is reserving their vote. Captain Jose Navarro has met with the owners of the establishment and will proceed with meeting with the tenants of the building shortly. Community Resident Jay who lives directly above the establishment has 49 units inside one building complex. The tenants are organizing around this problem and are seeking legal matters to address the building's concerns. Jay challenges the numbers submitted by the 34th Precinct to the committee he states he has worked with Police Officer Danella and Christian Perez in addressing the tenants concerns. Mr. Frank Hess from Assemblyman Denny Farrell's Office is concerned about the renewal of the Liquor license.

4. 4241 Restaurant Inc. dba Reynolds's Café'- 701 W. 180th Street - 37 Years in the community. Renewal of Restaurant Wine License.

3 tables, 4 seats no objections from 34th Pct.

5. 4931 Capitol Restaurant dba. Capitol Restaurant- 4933 Broadway -Spiridon Ciro, owner of establishment for 9 years. Serves wine & beer at the Diner. No Objections from the 34th Precinct. Open 7 days a week. 7am-10pm.

6. R A Restaurant Inc -398 Audubon Avenue- makes sandwiches and beer. No wine. There 18 years business owner Luis Aquino. No objections from the 34th Precinct. 3 employees. No security cameras. Juke box that plays in the background that stimulates the patrons while they enjoy their sandwich.

7. La Terraza Restaurant Inc. - 3881 Broadway- (8:15pm) Jose Fermin- 4 tables, serves only beer. Dominican food such as traditional dishes of chicken, rice and beans. Monday-Thursday, Sunday 8am-12am Friday Saturday to 1am. No objections from the 34th Precinct.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

8. F & A Alliance Corp. - 1952 Amsterdam Avenue - (No Owners or representatives present). 33rd Pct objects to license being issued. The premise was shut down previously. They were doing business as Dejavu (a club). Shut down for SLA violations.

9. Mi Ranchito Mexicana Restaurant Inc- 1464 St. Nicholas Avenue -Owner Mr. Ortiz had an attorney present. Lease will expire April 30, 2012 (1455 St. Nicholas Avenue) owner will obtain 1466-68 St. Nicholas Avenue. Will be open 7 days a week. From 34th Precinct has no objection.

10. 5085 Enterprises Inc. dba Sazones- 5085 Broadway. - Restaurant Wine License, Representative Julian Sanchez- Establishment has been open for 8 months and serves 9 tables, 35 seats, 6 employees, 3am to 6pm and they currently cater to the nightlife patrons and the afternoon and evening patrons would enjoy fine Dominican cuisine. If license is obtained they will change their hours of operation from 3am to 12am will be the hours of

operation. The 34th Precinct has no objections with the stipulation the owners abide by the stipulations of the license.

Community resident- Martin Zia (Park Terrace Resident) - Resident alleges the owners of the establishment intend on opening a Brazilian restaurant a few feet down from salons.

Councilmember Robert Jackson's Rep. Juan Rosa states that Councilmember does not want the establishment to obtain the license and change their method of operation to a night club instead of their original intended purpose. A clause will be inserted for the resolution of sazones to state the aforementioned.

11. Nayelin Bar & Restaurant Inc. dba Antojitos Restaurant Corp. – 101 Sherman Avenue, Not Present/ 34th pct does not object but the establishment is too small.

12. Huache Inc - 2100 Amsterdam Avenue- Ramon Obda (Associate Owner) 9 tables, 28 seats, 4 employees, 12pm-2am, 7 days a week. Mexican Food, no security personnel currently, intends on having a juke box. The new business owner has no affiliations with former owners. Current owner which is not Ramon, the 33rd Precinct has serious concerns about the establishment in regards to previous assaults and one robbery. The establishment is at the ground level of a 5 story apartment complex. With 14 units and zoned R7-2 with a gross floor area 12,195 sq foot.

The owners of the establishment are in question. Frank Hess raised concerns about the owner of the establishment and why is Ramon applying for a license if he does not own the establishment. (Tony requested Ramon to call the current owner of the establishment). Irma Macdonaldo, states she has the lease under her name and has been operating the business for two years. Current owner owes a lot of past rent and new owners will pay the past due rent. She has signed a lease for ten years.

33rd Precinct is concerned about the security at the location. The Committee encouraged the new owners to establish bona fide security personnel.

Renewal of Unenclosed of Sidewalk Café:

13. Sushi Vida Inc. dba Mama Sushi – 237 Dyckman Street, has signed an agreement with the NYC Council to close their certain sidewalk café with hours that will limit the noise congestion on Dyckman Street. Owner was present Susana Osorio, 4 tables, 8 seats outside for unenclosed sidewalk café. Victor Santos is the General Manager of the Corporation. Restaurant is opened 1pm to 12am M- THU and 2am Fri, SAT, and SUN. Unenclosed café is closed at 10pm Sunday and Thursday. Friday Saturday to Midnight. 34th Precinct has no objections.

Community Board Member George Espinal stated Mama Sushi's Owner Susana is an extraordinary individual and runs a bona fide location and has employed local residents and ran a successful establishment despite the complaints generated by locals about noise on Dyckman Street. Committee will be updated from Councilmember Robert Jackson's office.

RESO will have a clause with NYC COUNCIL AGREEMENT HOURS. CB12M has Agreement.

VOTING: 9:12pm

Meeting Adjourned 10:49pm

MEETING MINUTES SUBMITTED BY GEORGE ESPINAL

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #1
Renewal – SLA – On-Premises Liquor License
February 1, 2011**

Whereas, El Mambi Restaurant Corp., located at 4181 Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a Renewal On-Premises Liquor License; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about El Mambi Restaurant Corp.; 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 El Mambi Restaurant Corp., located on 4181 Broadway.

EDC 8-0-0, Board 0-0-1, Public 5-0-2

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #2
Renewal – SLA – On-Premises Liquor License
February 1, 2011**

Whereas, Eskina 214 Corp., dba Tabaco & Ron, located at 501 W. 214th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a Renewal On-Premises Liquor License; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about Eskina 214 Corp.; 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 Eskina 214 Corp., dba Tabaco & Ron located on 4181 Broadway, providing that they complete the soundproofing of the entire establishment and they continue to observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community.

EDC 7-0-1, Board 0-0-1, Public 4-2-0

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #3
Renewal – SLA – Alteration Application
February 1, 2011**

Whereas, Vida Mexicana Inc. dba Papisitos, located at 223 Dyckman Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a Alteration Application; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard negative comments related to noise pollution but not in relation to the Alteration Application;

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting an application to alter the location to include storage area in the basement of the location for Vida Mexicana Inc. dba Papisitos, located at 223 Dyckman Street.

EDC 6-0-2, Board 0-1-0, Public 7-1-0

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #4
Renewal – SLA – Restaurant Liquor License
February 1, 2011**

Whereas, 4241 Restaurant Inc. dba Reynolds Café., located at 701 W. 180th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a Renewal of its Restaurant Liquor License; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about 4241 Restaurant Inc. dba Reynolds Café; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Liquor License for 4241 Restaurant Inc. dba Reynolds Café., located at 701 W. 180th Street.

EDC 8-0-0, Board 1-0-0, Public 4-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #5
Renewal – SLA – Restaurant Wine License
February 1, 2011**

Whereas, 4931 Capitol Restaurant Inc. dba Capitol Restaurant, located at 4933 Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about 4931 Capitol Restaurant Inc. dba Capitol Restaurant; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for 4931 Capitol Restaurant Inc. dba Capitol Restaurant., located at 4933 Broadway.

EDC 8-0-0, Board 1-0-0, Public 5-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #6
Renewal – SLA – Restaurant Wine License
February 1, 2011**

Whereas, RA Restaurant Inc., located at 398 Audubon Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about RA Restaurant Inc.; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for RA Restaurant Inc., located at 398 Audubon Avenue.

EDC 8-0-0, Board 0-0-1, Public 5-0-0

Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #7
Renewal – SLA – Restaurant Wine License
February 1, 2011

Whereas, La Terraza Restaurant Inc., located at 3881 Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about La Terraza Restaurant Inc.; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for La Terraza Restaurant Inc., located at 3881 Broadway.

EDC 8-0-0, Board 0-0-1, Public 5-0-0

Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #8
REJECTION - NEW – SLA – On-Premises Liquor License
February 1, 2011

Whereas, F&A Alliance Corp., located at 1952 Amsterdam Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a new On-Premises Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

Whereas, 33rd Precinct expressed concerned nuisance abatement had been filed previously under (DA*ZHA*VU) to that location due to nearly a dozen incidents inside and just outside the establishment that all originated within the premises. These include but are not limited to assaults grand larceny, sale to a minor, sale after hours; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 expresses its **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new On-Premises Liquor License to F&A Alliance Corp., located at 1952 Amsterdam Avenue.

EDC 8-0-0, Board 0-0-1, Public 0-1-0

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #9
NEW – SLA – On-Premises Liquor License
February 1, 2011**

Whereas, Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant Inc. dba Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant., located on 1464 St. Nicholas Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a New On-Premises Liquor License ; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant Inc. dba Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant.; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a New On-Premises Liquor License for Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant Inc. dba Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant., located on 1464 St. Nicholas Avenue.

EDC 8-0-0, Board 0-0-1, Public 6-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #10
NEW – SLA – Restaurant Wine License
February 1, 2011**

Whereas, 5085 Enterprises Inc. dba Sazones., located on 5085 Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a New Restaurant Wine License ; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about 5085 Enterprises Inc. dba Sazones ; and

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee, having heard the potential Public Safety issues from the 34th Precinct if license is obtained they will change their hours of operation from 3am to 12am will be the hours of operation. ; And

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a New Restaurant Wine License for 5085 Enterprises Inc. dba Sazones., located on 5085 Broadway, providing the following:

The License will specifically allow for the **sale of alcohol until 12am** every day of the week as per the agreement reached by the owner and the committee.

5085 Enterprises Inc. dba Sazones will have a method of operation of a Restaurant and **NOT as a lounge or night Club**; and

5085 Enterprises Inc. dba Sazones will observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community.

EDC 3-1-4, Board 0-0-1, Public 0-1-0

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #11
REJECTION - NEW – SLA – Restaurant Wine License
February 1, 2011**

Whereas, Nayelin Bar & Restaurant Inc. dba Antojitos., located at 101 Sherman Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a New Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

Whereas, 34th Precinct expressed concerned with the establishment being small At that location; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 expresses its **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License to Nayelin Bar & Restaurant Inc. dba Antojitos, located at 101 Sherman Avenue.

EDC 5-0-3, Board 0-0-1, Public 0-1-0

**Economic Development Committee
RESOLUTION #12
NEW – SLA – Restaurant Wine License
February 1, 2011**

- Whereas,** Huache Inc., located at 2100 Amsterdam Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a New Restaurant Wine License; and
- Whereas,** The Economic Development Committee, having met on February 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about Huache Inc.; and
- Whereas,** 34th Precinct expressed concerned about the security at the location. The Committee encouraged the new owners to establish bona fide security personnel at that location; and
- Therefore Be it Resolved,** that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a New Restaurant Wine License for Huache Inc., located at 2100 Amsterdam Avenue.

EDC 8-0-0, Board 0-0-2, Public 3-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Public Hearing
RESOLUTION #13
RENEWAL – DCA – Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License
February 1, 2011**

- Whereas,** Sushi Vida Inc. dba Mama Sushi, has duly notified Community Board 12 to discuss an application submitted by Sushi Vida Inc. dba Mama Sushi, located at 237 Dyckman Street to operate an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café; and
- Whereas,** the owner Susana Osorio answered questions regarding the unenclosed and accessible sidewalk café plans containing a total of 4 tables and 8 seats; and
- Whereas,** the 34th Precinct and the general public had no objection to this application, and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan, has **no objection** to the Department of Consumer Affairs approving a renewal of their unenclosed Sidewalk cafe license for Sushi Vida Inc. dba Mama Sushi will observe all accessibility requirements and keep sidewalk agreement letter provided by Council Member Jackson and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community.

EDC 8-0-0, Board 0-0-1, Public 7-0-0

RESOLUTION SUMMARY SHEET

<u>RESOLUTION</u>	<u>APPLICANT NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>
1	<i>El Mambi Restaurant Corp.</i>	RENEWAL – On-Premises Liquor License
2	<i>Eskina 214 Corp. dba Tabaco & Ron</i>	RENEWAL – On-Premises Liquor License
3	<i>Vida Mexicana Inc. Papisitos</i>	RENEWAL – Alteration Application
4	<i>4241 Restaurant Inc. dba Reynolds Cafe</i>	RENEWAL – Restaurant Liquor License
5	<i>4931 Capitol Rest Inc. dba Capitol Rest</i>	RENEWAL – Restaurant Wine License
6	<i>RA Restaurant Inc.</i>	RENEWAL – Restaurant Wine License
7	<i>La Terraza Restaurant Inc.</i>	RENEWAL – Restaurant Wine License
8	<i>F & A Alliance Corp.</i>	REJECTION -NEW – On-Premises Liquor License
9	<i>Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant Inc.</i>	NEW – On-Premises Liquor License
10	<i>5085 Enterprises Inc. dba Sazones</i>	NEW – Restaurant Wine License
11	<i>Nayelin Bar & Rest Inc. dba Antojitos</i>	REJECTION -NEW – Restaurant Wine License
12	<i>Huache Inc.</i>	NEW – Restaurant Wine License
13	<i>Sushi Vida Inc. dba Mama Sushi</i>	RENEWAL – Unenclosed Sidewalk Café

Minutes of the Traffic & Transportation Comm. on February 7, 2011

Present: Anita Barberis, Jim Berlin, Yosef Kalinsky, Mitt Glen; Edith Prentiss, Richard Allman, Marcus Book (NYCT), Josh Orzeck (NYC DoT) Martin Collins (CM Bob Jackson)

Chair Rabbi Kalinsky opened the meeting at 7:10 pm and welcomed the agency representatives guests that we invited and the public to join us at the table, as there were so few.

Jim Berlin reviewed with Marcus Book issues and question from the January 2011 meeting.

- Without an agent in the booth at the 181 St A train entrance, many people jump the turnstile. Others seeking to purchase Metrocard cannot do so because individuals who have jammed the Metrocard machines to sell card swipes. Marcus explained that the NYPD's Transit Division is considering using the booth as an observation post. The Transit Division will be reported on this at the District Service Cabinet meeting.
- The #1 train's 181 & 168 St stations' ceilings are deteriorating from water damage. What is the timetable for repairs? Marcus explained that these stations present significant problems because of their depth and their Landmark status which requires the plan to be reviewed and approved by the Landmark Commission. The MTA's plan is due 8/11 with work expected to begin in the first quarter of 2112. They are trying to preserve the look without having to rebuild them as originally built. This may include a solid prefab instead of individual brick work. It will require weekend shuttle buses north of 168 St. The question was asked if trains could run in 2 sections to 168 and north of 181 St since there is no accessible station between 232 and 96 Sts.
- Bunching of buses, for example the M4 on Ft. Washington Ave. It is not unusual to have as many as six M4 buses going uptown on weekdays between 6-7 PM and three or more M4s going downtown terminating at 135 St. There passengers then have to wait for another M4 or M5. Marcus, bus bunching is endemic throughout the system. He asked us to document the problem and forward it to his attention enabling the routers to do something about eliminating the problem.
- A new route for the M3 bus was implemented on 9/12/10 to Amsterdam Ave forcing M3 passengers to walk to Amsterdam Ave. Marcus asked that we review this new route to determine that it is a valid route and does not interfere with the new plaza at 162-163 Sts.
- When will the LCD signs that display information about the next train be installed on the A train? Marcus, the LCD displays are part of ATS which only the A division (L & numbered lines). They are looking at different technologies to implement a similar improvement throughout on the B division.

Martin Collins of Council Member Jackson's office asked that Marcus check out issues raised by constituentst:

- Lead paint on the uptown 168th St. Station
- Concrete bus pads on 207th St. and Henshaw are in bad shape
- Ensure that snow is shoveled at the 184 St A train station on Ft. Washington Ave and Overlook.

Although there are no plans to use weekend shuttle buses on the A for the rest of 2011, there are problems on the Ft Wash shuttles we would like Marcus to look in to. At night as multiple buses go up to 207, the number of people waiting for the Ft Wash bus can fill more than one bus. Supervisors almost never reroute a 207 bus to Fort Wash. A request was made to have Ft Wash buses stop at 185 instead of 183 where they presently stop. Marcus, said he would look into the issue and question.

Josh Orzeck of DOT Man. Borough Commissioner's Office updated us on several issues:

- Josh announced cameras have been installed on the SBS M15 and Bx12 routes to document motor vehicles parked or stopped in bus lanes
- Request for a stop sign at 215 St & Park Terrace West near the school. Josh will check if or when a traffic study was done and request one if appropriate.
- Why isn't there a stop sign southbound on Bennett/Overlook at 184th St when there are signs at the other three corners. Committee members think there was one. If so, it can be replaced. If not, a traffic study will be requested.
- Traffic studies were requested for crosswalk at the A train entrances at 184 and 190 Sts.
- Request for a stop sign at 186th St and Audubon Ave.
- Request for angle parking lines on 187th St. between Amsterdam & Audubon be repainted
- Although signs have been posted, traffic is still backed up on Amsterdam Ave between 160-162 Sts.
- Request that very large potholes between Dyckman and Beek Sts be repaired

Armory Buses in addition to buses parking & sitting in NYCT bus stops, buses are idling for hours in violation to NYC's 3 minute regulation (reported by Rita McKee & observed this evening). CB12 M's District Manager will be asked to invite the Armory & DEP to the February District Service Cabinet meeting.

TLC issues: Edith Prentiss raised three taxi/livery service issues for people with mobility disabilities:

- Despite the failure of the Central Dispatch Pilot which was to ease the difficulty of finding/hailing a wheelchair accessible taxi by having users call 311 for an accessible taxi, the TLC has decided to try it again but this time with yellow taxi and car service. The TLC recently extended the RFP (request for a proposal) deadline to 2/14.
- In his State of the City address, the Mayor announced a program to allow livery vehicles to pick up passengers on street hails (which they presently do illegally) in the outer boroughs (which may or may not include north of 125th St). Since most car service vehicles are not wheelchair accessible and since the TLC has suspended enforcing the "Accessible Vehicle Rule" 6-07 that required every livery base have a wheelchair accessible vehicle or contract with a base authorized to provide equivalent service with: response time; fare; hours and days of service availability; ability to accept reservations; and no restriction base on trip purpose. The availability of wheelchair accessible vehicles has decreased.
- The TLC issued a RFP for the "Taxi of Tomorrow" (ToT) an iconic NYC taxi with a 10 year monopoly. The finalists are Kasdan which is accessible for wheelchairs and sensory disabilities; Ford and Nissan neither of which are accessible. If the TLC chose the Kasdan within 5-7 years NYC would have an accessible taxi fleet (because vehicles are replaced every 3-5 yrs) and are sold to be used as taxis in other localities, creating an accessible "trickle down" effect. Council Member G. Oliver Koppell introduced legislation that would require that any taxi design designated by the TLC must be accessible. At present, there are 37 sponsors including both CMs Jackson and Rodriguez which makes it veto proof by the Mayor.

Resolution in Support of City Council Int # 0433-201

"A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York to require that any taxicab designated by the taxi & limousine commission, be accessible to wheelchair users"

Whereas, the New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) licenses 13,237 medallion (yellow) taxicabs of which fewer than 240 are wheelchair accessible, and,

Whereas, there are approximately 60,000 (according to data from 2006) people who use wheelchairs or other mobility device in New York City as well as tourists and visitors; and

Whereas, while New York City's bus system is accessible, subways are largely inaccessible (only 76 of 468 stations are accessible) making street hail taxi services important with respect to the daily transportation needs of those with mobility disabilities, and

Whereas, the City's yellow cab industry should play an important role in providing accessible transportation, and

Whereas, by creating an accessible fleet, it will significantly expand the ability of people with mobility disabilities to travel, and

Whereas, used NYC taxis are sold to be used as taxis in other localities, hopefully accessible taxis will become the norm in many localities,

Therefore be it resolved, that CB 12's Traffic & Transportation Committees supports Int #433 which Council Members Robert Jackson and Ydanis Rodriguez and thirty-five (35) others are cosponsors, and calls upon Speaker Quinn allow Int 0433 a hearing so that it can come to the floor of the City Council for a vote.

Committee 5-0-0; Board members 1-0-0; & members of the Community 2-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anita Barberis amended by Edith Prentiss

Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee
February 1, 2011 (40 Haven Avenue)

Committee Members Present: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair; David Kach, Assistant Chair; Zead Ramadan; Mitchell Glenn

Committee Members Absent: Joe Wojak, Cynthia Carrion; Yosef Kalinsky.

Board Members Present: Wayne Benjamin, Cheryl Pahaham, George Fernandez, Steve Simon; **Staff:** Paola Garcia

Guests: Jennifer Hoppa, Muhammed Hussain & Mohammed Islam, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation; Gloria Pazmino, Manhattan Times; Alejandro Baquero-Cifuentes & Ali Davis, NYC Economic Development Corp; Claire Weisz; Alex Castex-Porter, Resident; Tracy Eberhart, Resident; Obed Fulcar, Friends of Sherman Creek; Richard Lewis, Resident

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:10pm by Committee Chair, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, who noted that the American Institute of Architects presentation on Highbridge Design competition presenters were unable to attend this evening due to weather; they will present at the March meeting. A brief presentation by NYC DPR engineers on a capital project was added to the agenda.

J. Hood Wright HVAC project: Mohammed Hussain, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation engineer on the redesigned heating, ventilation & air conditioning (HVAC) system in J. Hood Wright Park's recreation center.

- There will be two rooftop units (including a back-up system and split unit) which are about 65" and 32", and will not be visible from the ground. The current packaged terminal AC unit for the octagonal room will be replaced with a below-window unit for low visual impact. The current boiler also will be replaced with a high-efficiency boiler, and some of the original piping will be replaced as well. The contract also includes repair and maintenance of the leaking cupola; aluminum will be removed and replaced with wood as per the original design.
- Total cost is \$950k: \$900k allocated by former Councilmember Martinez and \$50k from the Borough President.
- The project is currently bidding now, with an award anticipated by April, construction due to begin in the fall and completion by Spring. There will be no disruption of programming.
- DPR is requesting a resolution to present to the Public Design Commission; approved unanimously by the Committee (4 members); the Board members present (3) and the public (1).

Sherman Creek Waterfront Esplanade Presentation: Alejandro Baquero Cifuentes of the NYC Economic Development Corp described the process which began in October '09 as a follow up to a process started in 2004 to bring back the Harlem River waterfront from Academy Street to the 207th Street Bridge. The purpose of this current iteration is to generate a planning document to gain momentum for further design and, hopefully, funding for construction. Recent meetings in this include a May 20th design charette and August 5th presentation to an Advisory Committee of public members, CBOs, local businesses, elected officials and agency representatives.

Mr. Baquero Cifuentes gave a brief historical overview of the Harlem waterfront, and outlined public desires (recreation opportunities for all ages, fishing access, waterfront access for human-powered crafts, visual access to the waterfront landscape, cultural event programming, public art, BBQ, ecological restoration, green streets/green walls, educational and "way-finding" signage) and concerns (maintenance, safety, access, use conflicts, traffic, possible vagrancy interfering with local businesses, ecological viability, integration to and access from inland/upland) as well as a number of site constraints (poor physical condition of bulkhead, most of which is in need of significant repair; private ownership of most of the land up to the water's edge; inability to build out from the bulkhead into the navigable channel). He also noted existing opportunities, including available restroom facilities at NYRP's children's center in the Sherman Creek cove; public BBQ grilles at some of the street-end parks; access at the southern and northern ends; and connector/access at the midpoint (W. 204th St.).

Claire Weisz, the design consultant, gave a detailed "tour" of the current conditions, using an extensive photo-montage shot from the river. The bulkhead from Academy to 207th includes a wide variety of materials, including rip-rap, concrete, eroded shoreline, wooden planking, construction debris, corrugated steel.

She then described the proposed design, which incorporates ecological restoration opportunities around the southern end at the Sherman Creek inlet and the "North Cove" above the 207th Street adjacent to the MTA rail yard, as well as waterfront access opportunities at the southern and northern coves, and the 204th Street midsection, with the midsection also providing upland access. The project is broken into two phases, with Phase I extending from the Sherman Creek inlet north to 204th Street, and Phase II extending north from 204th Street to the North Cove. Phase I includes a small Greenstreet at 201st St. & Tenth Ave. as a "gateway" to the project, a continuous walkway from Academy Street & Tenth Avenue around the Sherman Creek inset and extending north, restored wetlands, water access, waterfront esplanade, lawn and shade structures, screenings and plantings to obscure the ConEd facility, a half-basketball court, a pebble beach with an access-ramp at 203rd street, and a "L"-shaped fishing pier at 204th St. Photos of park features found elsewhere in the City and throughout the country

and world were shown as examples of the kinds of features that could be incorporated into a final design. Phase II would include significant reconstruction of the existing bulkhead; a cantilevered path over rip-rap shore protection, metal grating walkway above the river by 206th St., and in the North Cove, a dock ruin to provide habitat, restored wetlands, a boathouse/comfort station, a floating rowing dock, and a possible food concession stand.

In general the plan was very favorably received, though there was strong and unanimous objection to the siting of a basketball court in this location as being inconsistent with the looks/feel of the site, and a lower recreation priority at this location than all of the other proposed uses.

Questions: Zead Ramadan recommended more "soft" activity in place of proposed basketball court. A: (Ms. Weisz) Aimed toward basic outdoor activities; undefined, but overall green. Richard Lewis asked about contaminants in the river, noting with some surprise given prior uses that samples are within safe guidelines. A: (ABC) DEC puts out detailed reports on what fish are safe to eat, and other such environmental information. Alex Castex-Porter suggested fostering the reintroduction of fish. A: this wasn't specifically discussed with DEC, but they showed no reservations about walkways over water, which they atypically felt would not be a disturbance to aquatic ecosystems. Wayne Benjamin: access from upland/inland? A: working with DOT on traffic impacts as well as negotiating Ninth Ave. to mitigate traffic impacts and ensure unimpeded commercial use. Mr. Lewis suggested wireless capability and also electronic signage. Wayne Benjamin: what's on 201st St. between 9th Ave. and the River? A: ConEd staging, though it's a publicly owned, mapped street; it will be returned for parks usage as part of Phase I. Ms. Weisz noted that the view corridor looking down 201st St. would be restored and preserved. Tracy Eberhardt advocated for all manner of human-powered watercraft, including kayaks, canoes and rowboats in addition to sculling shells. Ms. Lorris-Ritter noted the need for boat storage and rentals. George Fernandez asked about safety surfacing materials, citing concerns about black surfaces in summer heat.

Mitch Glenn asked about expanding parks and recreational uses into the street. A: (ABC) noted that there are several businesses on Ninth Avenue with significant commercial presence and the street is an active commercial thoroughfare. Ms. Lorris Ritter noted that the merchants have concerns, and there is some pushback from existing commercial enterprises as well as property owners who might want to expand their businesses. Any development of the esplanade has to be sensitive to the needs of existing businesses along that commercial corridor. Mr. Benjamin asked if EDC would change DOT usage to suit characteristics of plan example, for example, traffic lights. A: (ABC) we are discussing with DOT regarding intersections. A: (JH) we worked with DOT as much as possible to expand the street-end parks

What's next: establish costs to build and maintain; identify how to phase the project; secure funding to design and build; secure funding to maintain; design the project and obtain permits; secure access to project sites, including easements for ConEd; build.

The complete presentation is available on-line at www.nycedc.com/shermancreekwaterfront. There will be a presentation of the final plan to the public advisory committee (all interested parties welcome) towards the end of March or possibly April.

New Business / Mail / Announcements:

- DPR issued a violation notice to the property owner at 640-660 Ft. Washington Avenue for two black locust trees leaning over the roadway onto Overlook Terrace, creating a hazard to vehicles and pedestrians, and recommending immediate attention (i.e., pruning). CPR does not maintain trees on private property.
- There will be a college fair at Riverbank State Park on March 5th (noon-4pm).
- There were various notices of then-upcoming events.
- Jennifer Hoppa announced that the John T. Brush staircase renovation (Highbridge Park @ 158th St. & Edgcombe Ave.) and construction of the Juan Bosch Plaza (Highbridge Park @ 190th St. & Amsterdam Ave.) have gone out to bid.

The meeting was **adjourned** a little after 9pm.

Respectfully submitted, David Kach & Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

Community Board 12, Manhattan (Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee)
Support of NYCDP&R plan to renovate J. Hood Wright Rec Center HVAC system
February 1, 2011

- Whereas: the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) presented to the Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee (PCA) on February 1st, 2011 a proposed renovation of the HVAC system at the J. Hood Wright recreation center; and
- Whereas: there will be two rooftop units (including a back-up system and split unit) which are about 65" and 32", and will not be visible from the ground; the current packaged terminal AC unit for the octagonal room will be replaced with a below-window unit for low visual impact; the current boiler also will be replaced with a high-efficiency unit, and some of the original piping will be replaced; the contract also includes repair and maintenance of the leaking cupola to remove the aluminum and replace it with wood as per the original design; and
- Whereas: the project is funded through a City Council allocation of \$900,000 with an additional \$50,000 allocated from the Manhattan Borough President; and
- Whereas: the project is expected to begin construction in the fall of 2011, is anticipated to be completed in the spring '12, and to involve no disruption of programming; and
- Whereas: the members of the Committee and of the public had no objections or suggested modifications to the proposed plans; and
- Resolved: that Community Board 12, Manhattan supports the HVAC renovation plan for J Hood Wright's recreation center presented by the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation at the February 1st, 2010 meeting of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee; and be it further
- Resolved: that Community Board 12, Manhattan calls upon the NYC Public Design Commission to approve this proposal.

Approved unanimously by:

4 member of Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee, 3 Board members and 1 member of the public

Land Use Committee Meeting – Minutes

February 9, 2011

Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
Richard Allman
Isaiah Bing
Tamara Rivera
Steve Simon

Committee Members Absent

James Berlin (sick)

Board Members

Cheryl Pahaham

Public Members Present

Vivian Ducat

Guests: Pat Courtney, James Amodeo, Edison Kelly, Nicole Lugo, Brian Gallagher, Gloria Pazmino, Martin Collins, Gail Addis, Joan Serrano Laufer, Jon Christian Suggs, Jeff Dugan, Libby Howard

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin provided an overview of the evening's agenda, stated that the community board received a Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") application to legalize a physical culture establishment, Planet Fitness, located at 177 Dyckman Street and also stated that the application will be considered at the March 2011 meeting of the Land Use Committee ("Land Use", "LU" or the "Committee").

Gail Addis and Pat Courtney briefed the Committee on the Inwood Historic District proposal submitted by some members of the Volunteers for Isham Park to the Historic Districts Council ("HDC") under its "Six to Celebrate" initiative. Ms. Addis introduced members of the Volunteers for Isham Park present at the meeting. She stated that Community Board 12-M member, Cheryl Pahaham suggested that Dyckman Street, river-to-river, be considered as the southern boundary of the proposed historic district, which is called Inwood Manhattan to distinguish it from Inwood, Long Island, and that as research progressed Dyckman Street as the southern boundary of Inwood appeared to have some historical basis.

Pat Courtney reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the proposal submitted to HDC. The PowerPoint highlighted the development of Inwood and Isham Park with historic maps and photos. Ms. Courtney stated that the establishment of view corridors from the site of what became Isham Park to the Hudson River was an important consideration to the Isham family and that the re-establishment of these view corridors via select tree removal will be studied as part of the historic district study. The Committee was advised the study supported by HDC's "Six to Celebrate" is an exploration of the merit of historic designation and does not necessarily mean that it will result in the designation of a historic district. The study will allow for community dialogue on what it means to create a historic district, what it means to preserve a neighborhood, the impacts of historic designation, etc.

Ms. Addis introduced Jon-Christian Suggs. Mr. Suggs discussed the impact of Andrew Haswell Green, who is often referred to as the "Father of New York City" on Inwood. Mr. Suggs stated that it was Mr. Green's idea to combine the five boroughs into a single city, managed the construction of Central Park, is credited with having the idea of establishing the Metropolitan Museum of Art and set-up the New York Public Library system. He was influenced by the grand boulevards of Paris, was dissatisfied the neutral street grid established for New York City and sought to protect the topography of Upper Manhattan by having the street grid fit the topography instead of having the topography fit the street grid. Mr. Suggs also stated that Green obtained approval from Albany for the Commissioners of Central Park to lay-out Manhattan's street grid north of 155th Street and that the preservation of open space and views were central considerations in Inwood's planning.

The next step in the planning process of the study is a public meeting, preferable at a location somewhere within the proposed historic district.

3. Yvonne Stennett, Executive Director of the Community League of the Heights, made a presentation to the Committee to update it on the status of the 2142 Amsterdam Avenue project. Ms. Stennett provided background on the development site stating that it was owned by Columbia University ("Columbia") and through negotiations with city government Columbia agreed to donate the site for development as affordable housing. The site originally was improved by a five-story tenement building that was in poor condition and was eventually demolished. The site remained vacant for a number of years. Development of the site was not Columbia's responsibility. The Community League of the Heights ("CLOTH") eventually submitted a development proposal to Columbia; Community Board 12-Manhattan supported CLOTH's proposal. Ms. Stennett stated that the site is small, 25 feet wide, and can only accommodate a building of approximately 10 units. Financing the small residential building proved difficult. CLOTH took advantage of the opportunity to purchase two adjacent properties, 2146 and 2148 Amsterdam Avenue. The additional properties increase the width of the site to 58 feet and permit 42 units to be developed. The project will include 41 supportive housing studio apartments for youth aging out of foster care and one super's unit. The building will also include two share lounges and office space for service providers. CLOTH opened its first supportive housing project two years ago (a 52 unit project), it currently manages over 300 units of housing.

Ms. Stennett introduced Samir Shah, the project architect, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the project's design. Mr. Shah's firm is Urban Quotient; he has worked on supportive housing projects for 10 years. Mr. Shah stated that the project will cost approximately \$6 million to build and will be funded by low-income housing tax credits, a loan from HPD's Supportive Housing Fund and an acquisition loan. Harlem Community Development Corporation provided CLOTH with a \$100,000 predevelopment loan. The 41 unit will be split 60/40 with 60% of the units being allocated to supportive housing clients and 40% being allocated to the community. CLOTH is responsible for tenanting the community units. The supportive housing units will be tenanted by referral. Closing on project financing is expected to take place by December 2011, construction is expected to commence in January 2012 and the construction duration is projected to be 18 months. Delwood Construction will be the builder. Delwood is based in Queens and has worked on other project for CLOTH. It is not a minority-owned firm.

Ms. Stennett stated that the project is permanent housing, not transitional housing. The units are small and tenants are encourage to improve themselves and move to better living conditions. CLOTH manages larger units and can work with tenants, when they are ready, to find new units. CLOTH is meeting with the Housing and Human Services Committee in March. CLOTH's supportive housing project on West 159th Street has a community room that can hold 50 people. It was suggested that the Housing and Human Services Committee might consider holding its meeting in that location so that the committee members can tour the building and then review the proposal for the 2142 Amsterdam Avenue project.

5. The Committee reviewed the questions that Chair Benjamin summarized after the January 2011 LU meeting concerning Quadriad's development proposal for 190th Street and Broadway and generated additional questions. The questions initially summarized are as follows.
- Is Quadriad willing to consider alternate design approaches for its New Strategy development scenario that achieve the same density/FAR but feature shorter buildings with larger floor plates? Has it explored other design approaches? If so, can it present those alternatives to the Land Use Committee?
 - Elaborate on the need for New Strategy FAR to be 2.75% greater than as-of-right FAR. What FAR bonus is needed to just achieve the affordable housing component? just the affordable housing and community facility components?
 - What other configurations/allocations of residential units, community space, local retail space and public amenities are financially feasible but yield built form more closely related to the area's existing built form?

- The average unit size proposed by Quadriad seems small. I did not check but the proposed average unit size seems smaller than the average unit size used by HPD in its various affordable housing programs. What factors govern the proposed unit size? Can the average unit size be increased to parallel HPD recommendations?
- Can allocation of units among the three affordability tiers be adjusted to more closely reflect local AMI and what is affordable to the range of local residents?
- Can Quadriad please clarify if, in proposing to undertake capital improvements to Gorman Park and to be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the park, it expects any ownership interest or control of the park.
- In its as-of-right development scenario, is Quadriad willing to consider the use of HPD, HDC, DHCR, HFA or other public sector programs to include a percentage of affordable units?

The additional questions generated by the Committee concerning Quadriad's proposal are as follows.

- Has Quadriad spoken with any City, State or Federal funding source such as HPD, HDC, DHCR, HFA or HUD to determine the availability of subsidy funds, tax credits, etc? for the project?
- Can the allocation of unit types be modified to provide for more family-size units?
- Why is it necessary to rebuild the subway tunnel? Can the subway entrance be made ADA accessible by the introduction of a code-compliant ramp? What is the anticipated cost of rebuilding the subway tunnel?
- What is the minimum dimension / clearance (rear yard or side yard required by zoning) between any existing building and any of the proposed new buildings?
- Many buildings in the area are built on hillside sites and are supported with exposed steel frame structures. What impact would site excavation, blasting etc. have on the stability of these existing structures? Can new construction occur safely in close proximity to these buildings?
- Is the local utilities and infrastructure sufficient to accommodate the either of the two proposed development scenarios for the project? What improvements to utilities and infrastructure are needed? What environmental remediation is needed?

Monday, February 14 was established as the deadline for committee members to forward any additional questions to Chair Benjamin. After the deadline passes the above referenced additional questions and any subsequent questions will be forwarded to the District Manager for him to provide to Quadriad. Quadriad will be invited to attend the March LU meeting to discuss its response to questions.

6. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Benjamin

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – February 3, 2011

H&E COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon (Chair), Isaiah Bing, David Kach, Edgard Nau, Raybblin Vargas.

H&E COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Helen Morik, Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

CB 12 MEMBER PRESENT: Fe Florimon

GUESTS: Betty Lehmann, Vergela Jerome, Patricia Rincon and Tracey Sokoloff, Isabella Geriatric Center; Evelyn Montanez, Turn 2 Us; Alex Caster-Porter; Jules Douge, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp.; Ginia Addo.

S. Simon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. The first part of the meeting was held jointly with the Housing & Human Services Committee (H&HS). S. Simon began by noting that this was the third in a series of meetings at which mental health service providers in the community have been making presentations to both committees, that he has been pleased to learn about the breadth of services offered by the various agencies and that he hopes these meetings will serve as the basis for a continuing dialogue between the agencies and CB 12. George Fernandez, chair of H&HS, said he hopes that the agencies will network and refer clients to each other depending on the services that they may need.

1. The State of Mental Health Services in Our Community – Part III

- Betty Lehmann, Director of Marketing & Communications, said that the two programs presenting tonight are among eight community-based programs sponsored by Isabella that take care of 3200 people daily, most in the CB 12 area..
- **Isabella Adult Day Health Services** – Patricia Rincon, LCSW, Director, accompanied by Vergela Jerome, R.N., Clinical Case Manager, gave the following report:
 - 73 clients enrolled in program at 525 Audubon Ave., 40 attend daily on scheduled days (no walk-ins), Mon-Sat.
 - The age range is 34-92 years old; most have families, live in upper Manhattan and The Bronx; catchment area includes most of The Bronx and down to 82nd Street
 - More than half have mental health issues (e.g., schizophrenia, depression, persistently chronically ill)
 - They have multiple medical issues; they are referred by their primary care physicians.
 - Program provides medication management, works with local doctors, psychiatrists and nurse practitioner program at NYPH, utilizes psychologist at Isabella
 - Community needs psychiatrists who take Medicaid and are Spanish-speaking
 - Clients spend five hours there each visit, picked up by Isabella van, breakfast and lunch provided
 - Activities are medically focused: rehab, exercise, yoga, massage therapy, recreation, spiritual group reads the Bible, watch videos, arts & crafts, bingo
 - Mixed population, some in wheelchairs
 - Bilingual staff: 12 + five bus monitors
 - Program has existed for 10 years
 - Has received referrals from Upper Manhattan Mental Health Center
 - Goal: keep people in the community as long as possible and reduce hospitalizations
 - Increasing cases of people with mental retardation
 - Developing a contingency plan if additional Medicaid cuts are enacted
- **Isabella Home Care Services** – Tracey Sokoloff, R.N., M.P.H., Administrator, gave the following report:
 - Isabella has "the Cadillac of home care" – a nurse case-management model
 - Depends upon Medicaid
 - Most clients have form of mental illness caused by physical illness; it compounds complexity of health needs
 - Don't use term "mentally ill" since it leaves a stigma, prefer to describe symptoms: "they're weepy"
 - Without our services, they would need a nursing home
 - Only two ways they are discharged from program: death or admission to nursing home
 - Average age: 75; people over 18 years old can be served
 - Staff includes nurses, specialized psychiatric nurses, social workers, nutritionist, physical, occupational and speech therapists, home health aides.
 - 65% of clients Spanish-speaking
 - Active census: 540 clients; 20 nurses have 28-32 cases each
 - Home health aides stay with clients 4-6 hours a day
 - Referrals often from family and friends

- Problem: finding primary care physicians and psychiatrists who take Medicaid
 - Would like to see Medicaid reform: should give us 120-day orders, not 60-day orders, which have to be renewed too frequently
 - What's the difference between the two programs (Adult Day Health Services and Home Care Services)? They complement each other. Similar in services, my clients tend to live alone or not have reliable caregiver.
 - Located at 5073 Broadway at W. 216th St.
 - Also operate school for home health aides there
 - Also oversee Meals-on-Wheels program for Districts 9, 10 & 12: 1,000 cases
 - Commercial insurance pays very little for home health care; everyone should get long-term health care insurance; the federal health care reform supplements this type of insurance to make it easier for people to buy it
- **Turn 2 Us** – Evelyn Montanez, Ph.D, R/LCSW, Director, gave the following report and showed a video about this school-based mental health promotion and prevention program, which is affiliated with New York-Presbyterian Hospital's Ambulatory Care Network:
- Has been operating in PS 4 and PS 128 for past 10 years; school-based clinical work
 - Derek Jeter's Turn 2 Foundation provided full funding for the program during first four years (\$300,000 per), now down to \$75,000/year; solely grant-funded
 - Students suffer from depression, anxiety, stress, etc.
 - Stress management workshop for students and parents
 - Ecological approach: address students' emotional, physical and social well-being; consider the child's environment
 - Some kids live in shelters
 - Goal: build greater self-esteem to assist with academic success
 - Teach children how to deal with stress
 - More than 60 fathers and uncles are involved
 - Success of program demonstrated by the fact that # of unscheduled guidance visits has declined from 5,000 to 2,000 and test scores have increased
 - There are not enough prevention services in the community
 - Because of reduced grant, now only provide intensive services for 4th and 5th grades (used to be for all five grades) and general services for rest of school
 - Staff has been reduced – no more mental health staff
 - Track attendance, reading and math scores

A brief discussion ensued about possible steps that could be taken to help the program obtain new funding. The H&HS Committee then withdrew to the adjacent room to conduct its own meeting and the H&E Committee continued with the following agenda:

2. **Brownfield Site at 4566 Broadway (Nagle Ave.)** – S. Simon distributed copies of an article in the latest issue of the Manhattan Times, which contained a condensed version of a letter signed by CB 12 Chair Pamela Palanque-North, S. Simon and I. Bing and sent to the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation regarding the draft investigation work plan for this site. (Full copies of the letter were distributed to CB 12 members at the Jan. 25 board meeting.) He reported that Sadique Ahmed, the DEC project manager, told him that we would be getting a response soon.

I. Bing reported that he had walked the site with Lenny Siegel, an environmental consultant hired for another project by CB 4-Bronx. He said he had also spoken to Ahmed about the policy in regard to obtaining access to apartment buildings and schools for the testing and that Ahmed told him the state cannot require that they provide access. He said NY State Dept. of Health would be sending letters to building owners asking them to allow the applicant's environmental consultant inside their buildings, but the owners can say no. Ahmed said they can use the help of CB 12 and the elected officials to convince them to grant access if that happens. Siegel reviewed documents and gave advice on where more monitoring wells should be installed. A minimum of 25 wells should be installed. They visited the YM&YWHA; it has no basement, so a different type of testing needs to be done there. Bing said he also has spoken to the elected officials about this issue.

3. **Update on Harlem Hospital Community Advisory Board** – R. Vargas, our representative, said that she has no update since she has not been informed of any meetings yet. Dr. Nau, our representative to the Renaissance Health Care Network Community Advisory Board, said he had likewise not been informed of any meetings of that board.

4. **Old Business – Ban on Smoking in Parks and Public Plazas:** S. Simon noted that he was planning to offer a resolution tonight, but since the City Council voted yesterday to pass the bill prohibiting smoking in parks and public plazas, the issue is now moot. (Council Member Rodriguez voted in favor of the bill; Council Member Jackson against.)
Caster-Porter: it's unfortunate that CB 12 did not pass a resolution.
S. Simon: H&E received the Parks Committee resolution the day of our last meeting and did not have sufficient time to consider the issue then so it was tabled until tonight.

5. **New Business – Bus Idling:** CB 12 received a complaint that buses bringing school groups to a recent meet at the Armory Track and Field Center were idling on Riverside Drive at W. 165th St. After some discussion, it was agreed that the District Manager should talk to Norbert Sander, president of the Armory Foundation, to once again ask for his assistance to resolve this problem and also should request enforcement from NYPD and the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

6. **Announcements** – Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team is holding a public hearing tomorrow at Baruch College. The Upper Manhattan Mental Health Center is inviting CB 12 members to a reception on 2/22.
F. Florimon: Easy & Healthy Walking Group started last week. Goal is to have 50 women participating by June. Walk on Saturday will start at Fort Washington Ave. & 190th St. at 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Simon

Committee for the Concerns for Aging
February 8, 2011

Committee Members

Gloria Vanterpool
Edgard Nau
Glenda Massa excused

Public Members

Norma De Candido

Guests Ethel Stoll , Gina Addeo College Student, Meghan Amato

Meeting convened at 10:15 am
Chairperson Gloria Vanterpool presided
Warm welcome was extended to all and all present introduced themselves

Committee member, Edgard Nau was congratulated on the birth arrival of his new son.

It was mentioned that the first outreach meeting to senior centers was successful. It was a meeting that was very well attended at Dyckman Senior Center. It reaffirms that our decision to do this is a good one and future schedules will be forthcoming. This requires closer coordination with the senior center directors and wider distribution of the information on our scheduled meetings. This will be followed up with our Bd's staff.

Old Business

Health Committee

Add'l organizations in our community providing mental health services attended and reported on specific services that they are providing to the community. Our chairperson will follow up with these org. and see if a trained staff person can visit our senior centers and conduct an educational session on mental health issues.

Housing

Chairperson discussed a survey form is being prepared for distribution in the community to receive feedback on housing problems in our community. This would enable the committee to review where the problems exist and how the committee (Housing) would assist in resolving the problems

Traffic and Transportation

We are planning to assist the committee in scheduling a Public Forum on Bike Safety in the coming Spring . Boro President Advisory. Our chairperson attended the meeting in January at which the Man. Boro Pres./ Scott Stringer shared his goals on advocating for the seniors .

2011 Aging Conference Committee

The chairperson sits on this committee with Yeshiva Univ. and is participating on the planning for this conference on April 29th. The particulars for this conference will be shared at our next meeting.

Caregiver Outreach Advisory

At the meeting held on January 11, our chairperson attended. A report was made on the services provided by the program to the community. The program is serving 65 clients
Isabella Visiting Care, Inc. is providing a nursing assessment on each care recipient.
Upper Man Partnership for Senior Independence (UMPSI) has completed the website (Elderpedia. Org) and is expected to go live "Feb. 14, 2011" Final details will be shared at our next meeting.

Get Healthy Harlem

Info was distributed on this new project called "Project Share". It is open to residents of Northern Man. who wish to participate in a health survey that distributes education materials concerning high blood pressure. and ways to control it. Different materials will be distributed. A decision will be made as to which ones provide the best info. A speaker will be at our April meeting to provide specifics on this and other projects.

A discussion ensued with Dr. Nau responding to a presentation that was given at our December meeting with CCM - Comprehensive Care Management Corporation. He mentioned that greater attention should be made by seniors when selecting a plan for medical services . Measure the services provided by private companies with Medicare provided by our government. In some cases, the service is less and costs more. In addition, the medical providers (Drs. and others) receive less reimbursements. This was noted by those in attendance and will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Our guest City College student expressed an interest in visiting other community organizations. The chair will follow up with info for her to review.

Meeting was called at 11:20 am

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 8 @ 10am Community Board Office

Topic Mental Health David Currier, speaker Outreach Coordinator

**Youth and Education Committee
Community Board 12
Thursday, February 10, 2011**

Chair: Elizabeth Pepin, Chair
Fe Florimon, Assistant to the Chair

Present: Elizabeth Pepin, Fe Florimon Jackie Rowe Adams, Juan Alonzo, Maria Luna
Raybblin Vargas

Public Member: Alyce Smith

Absent: Leonardo Blackman, Manny de los Santos, Angelo Ortiz

Public: Al Kurland, Josh Karan, Lorena Jimenez-Castro, Keyla Espinal, Jocelyn Aponte,
Judith Amaro Evangeline Hernandez, Samantha Gierbolini, Maggie Frances, Lethy
Liriano, Ayisha Oglivie, Rammer Martinez Sanchez, Katerli Batista, Christina Guerrero

Meeting Called to Order: 7:20 pm

Lorena Jimenez-Castro, Government Affairs Liaison, Children's Aid Society

Mission to help children in poverty to succeed

1000 children each year

South Bronx, Harlem, and Washington Heights

100 programs in 45 locations

After-school, weekend, comprehensive health services

Programs for disconnected youth who are coming back from incarceration

Continuum of long-term care from pre-natal to career readiness and college planning for

4 areas, Community schools, Early childhood services

Keyla Espinal – Children's Aid Society

Community School Model – public school and community based organization work
together to make sure that they are physically, emotionally, and social prepared to excel.

6 community school campuses; PS5, PS 8, Mirabal Campus, Salome Campus

Organize critical services for the children and their families

Casa de las Sonrisas First orthodontic program in a public school Summer enrichment

Dance, chorus, creative writing

Parent Leadership Institute

Ercilia Pepín

Gives GED, literacy, technology

Childcare licensing

Culinary arts, woodworking
Service Learning
Community engagement and civic participation

Operates 5 school-based health centers, 4 in Washington Heights, PS 8, PS 5, Mirabal Campus, Salome Campus

Early Childhood Programs
Early Head Start located in community schools
Provide ages 0-3 and pregnant mothers
PS 5 and PS 8 (only kind in the country)
Multi-disciplinary experience as

Additional Services
Domestic Violence and Intervention Program
Access to housing and financial assistance

New York Times Neediest Cases Fund
With New York Times help parents acquire funds for rent, personal needs, etc.

Immigration Clinics with NYC Justice Bar
Free of-charge pro-bono, paths to citizenship, sponsorship information

All programs in CB 12 have a mixed funding stream
Federal, state, city funds as well as from public and private foundation

Asks that CB 12 advocate on behalf of the organization to preserve funding of all of their programs.

Maria Luna, There is a process in September where the Community Board prioritizes the core issues for each of the committees.

Jocelyn Aponte, Program Director, Alianza Dominicana

Non-profit for 20 years

Service the individual and the family as a whole

- Everyone get services from substance abuse to family clinic, therapists, 1:1 counseling, immigration, covering the uninsured
- All services are covered within the agency
- Is 133 Beacon Program started when Eddie Silverio was out to lunch and he saw a parent banging the door of his car and he asked him what was the problem; Eddie discovered from the parent that his daughter was being molested by a teacher in the school; the teacher used to take her to the basement to be molested; Eddie decided to help the father and they did community mobilization to get the teacher charged and fired from the school; a few other staff were also fired
- Basketball program sponsored by Nike
- Hip Hop dance program competing at Step-it-Up, a citywide dance competition on Broadway
- Elementary program at PS 153 mostly focused on parents helping them help their kids; a lot of them are grandparents taking care of their kids

Asks support to help form an Advisory Council that includes businesses, parents and youth to help address growing gang presence

- Meeting March 11 for the Advisory meets only 1 month
- Been meeting for three months
- Looking for all ages to participate

Judith Amaro, President of the Community Educational Council

Comments that they are where the education should be discussed BUT NO ONE IN THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

Next Meeting; Thursday, February 17, 2011 with Hebrew Sosua with KIP Charter School giving presentation Broadway 186th and 187th Street.

Fabian Baez, filmmaker from Washington Heights, "Buena Gente"

www.buenagentemovie.com

- Features talent from the community
- Wants to find local screening
- DVD is out and for sale
- There is a new festival "The Dominican Film Festival of New York" March 10 – March 21 at the theater in 181st. www.dffny.com; screening March 13, 2011

Washington Heights Artist Movement

Lethy Liriano

- New organizations servicing youth and artists to inspire them and career paths

Aisha Ogilvie, public relations

- Grew up in Washington Heights
- Youth are disconnected and want to connect them to the process through the arts.
- Grassroots to create safe space and hone artistic talent
- Support entrepreneur
- Free and youth friendly
- Grant-writing bring artists to train youth on the disciplines
- Partnered with United Nile and Eva Lucion
- New program of photography and multimedia course at Betty Shabbaz
- March 2 – May 20, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 6:30 pm
- Youth from 12 – 21
- Provide all the equipment
- Create a conversation with the Community Board for guidance and partner and give insight with other youth
- Asks that we refer young people to the organization

Patele Batista

Registration will be taking place:

February 25 – February 27 at the Malcolm Shabazz Center

Capacity of 15 – 25 students for photography and multimedia class

United Know We Focus – Eva Lución

Playwriting course

Fe Florimon

- Saturday, February 12, 2011
- Free makeover
- 515 West 182nd Street at the Plaza

Al Kurland

- New Yorkers Against Gun Violence
 - Two votes away from passing comprehensive gun control
- Revision of Public Officers – young people should be able to serve in Community Board at the age of 16 with voting rights
 - NY Senate Republican passed
 - CB 12 already endorsed
 - Seeks letter of support from youth organizations

Josh Karan PACT Coordinator

- Only 23% of NYC high school graduates are ready of college
- Only 50% of NYC actually graduate

- Means that only 15% are actually prepared to graduate
- Governor Cuomo want to cut \$1.5 billion in funding in education
- Extend the Millionaire's Taxes
- Alliance for Quality for Education called for Community meeting Friday, February 11, 2011 at 463 West 142nd
- District 6 Public School Parent Advocacy Program is in its 6 week
 - Have 35 parents in the program
 - Deputy Chancellor Sharansky will be attending and presenting
 - Address testing, the curriculum
 - May be the next Chancellor

Meeting Adjourned 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Raybblin Vargas

Housing & Humans Services
February 3, 2011
Monthly Meeting Minutes

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Public</u>
George Fernandez, Chair Juan Alonzo Carol Mulligan Alyce Smith Melanie Hidalgo	0	0	Ms. Addo

- Housing and Humans Services held its third joint committee meeting on February 3, 2011. with the Health and Environment committee on “*The State of Mental in Our Community*”
- HHS was in full attendance, all HHS members were present (5) from 7pm to 9pm and then began its monthly Housing and Human Service meeting at 9:06 pm to catch up on it’s items that have been momentarily on hold due; to working with Health and Environment.

“Please read Health and Environment minutes for first part of two part meeting”

- *Chair* began Housing and Humans Services monthly meeting at 9:06 pm. *Yosef Kalinsky* provided committee with an update on the house on 187th street that is marketing/advertising apartment to Yeshiva University students. *Yosef Kalinsky* stated that this property is a not a *Yeshiva University* property. That its not an exclusion but an advertisement fro this property owner,
- *Juan Alonzo HHS* member believes that the landlord is in violation as he trying to target a certain group,
- *Alyce smith* HHS member does believe it to be discrimination. And stated in all fairness that there is not enough housing for students and appreciates landlords who reach to student population,
- *Carol mulligan* HHS Members stated that its not unusual to see such advertisements
- *Chair* stated that we would look into what the landlord is doing and if the advertisement is appropriate fine and if students are being overcharged in rent,
- *Juan Alonzo HHS* member stated that the landlords are exploiting apartments to take advantage of student sin need of housing,

Survey discussion:

- *Chair George Fernandez* reiterated the purpose of housing and human services survey. Chair thanked all HHS members who worked on the survey and informed committee that it may be a good idea to table the survey until the weather gets warmer and we could revise discussion in early spring as far setting the time, date and location to distribute survey. Members were in agreement to table survey 5-0-0 Public – 1-0-0. Chair went on to explain that the first phase of distribution will be conducted in English, however we are looking in translating survey in multiple languages, and that it's not that easy, because the survey must articulate the same meaning it would have in its original development; (English)
- *Chair* went on to inform members that he would be visiting 218th St. per chair of CB12M Pamela Palanque -North,
- *Chair* presented a listing of buildings that he retrieved from the public advocates Bill De Blasio web site for the *landlord watch list* and stated that there are at least 39 buildings that he counted in the various surrounding zip codes, **10034**, **10040** and **10033** many there are landlords on the list who own more than one property and that these buildings are listed with some who have more than 200, he also stated that according to a recently published report; 311 reports Washington Heights, Inwood with the most heat complaints, chair handed out the definitions of the code violations that he retrieved from HPD's website so that members learn the definitions and familiar with the language,
- *Chair stated* that it would be great if CB12M reinstated its landlord task force but not in the same capacity, because as he understands the previous landlord task force was a group of landlords who worked on improving the quality of life for their buildings do to illegal activities,
- *Chair informed* members that he would like to bring it to vote to reestablish a landlord task force for CB12M that would assist tenants and the city wide initiative in identifying buildings that are deteriorating and filled with violations members voted 5-0-0 Public member 1-0-0 the resolution passed and will be presented to the executive committee,
- *Chair informed* members that a letter was sent to the director of HPD affordable housing unit Gregory Watson and had not heard anything but will follow with Luis Acosta who presented before the committee previously,

Chair thanked Gina Addo for attending the meeting and also made mention to members of HHS committee; he will be transitioning out of the responsibilities as chair of Housing and Human Services due to being elected 1st Vice chair of CB12Manhattan and that if any of the members have a strong interest that in taking on the role they should think it over and inform the chair of the board and that he would be happy to work with the person and train them to get them up to speed.

New Business/meeting Adjournment

- *Chair George Fernandez adjourned meeting at 9:48 pm*

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2011

DRAFT

Committee Members Present

Julissa Gomez

Committee Absentees

George Cruz
Tony Lopez - business
Frank Alvarez

Board Members Attending

Cheryl Pahaham

Staffer: Deborah Blow

Guests: Joselinne Minaya-DA's Office, PO Haydee Pabey NYPD 34th Pct., PO Christian Perez NYPD 334th Pct., Capt. Obe NYPD 34th Pct., Lt. Muniz NYPD 34th Pct., Dep. Insp. Dowling NYPD 33rd Pct., Lt. Donovan NYPD 33rd Pct., Capt Burke NYPD 33rd Pct., Jeffrey Oppenheimer-Resident, Bonnie Luric, Linda Cardillo, Cindy Brink-Park Terrace West Safety Committee

Ms. Julissa Gomez Chair, convened meeting 7:10pm.

Joselinne Minaya from the Manhattan District Attorney's office reported a meeting with elected officials and DA's office to address the concerns regarding gang violence, due to the most recent incidents surrounding 2 homicides in the month of January, there have been 5 arrests so far.

The group discussed a two-fold formulation of a gang workshop including parent participation (pending local schools involvement).

- A. This forum would prepare parents to identify traces of their children in gang related groups.
- B. As an educational tool children would benefit knowing the serious consequences of gang activity.

Following cases: 1st case of Jan 9, involving a 16 yr old stabbing perpetrators charged with attempted gang assault in the 1st degree, _____ 2nd Assault, bail set for \$100,000.00. 2nd case Jan. 21, a 24 yr old was murdered by a 45 and 63yr old men drugs seem to be the motive, details are still under investigation, \$100,000.00 bail, court appearances Feb 4 and 8.

February is Teen Dating Violence Month, now teens can get order of protection against another teen they date through both family and criminal court. It was suggested that the committee partner up with a great organization call "Day One".

The following are stats from Dep. Insp. Dowling 33rd Pct.; crime decreased by 9% for the 1st 28 days. Some issues with robberies (cell phones, IPOD's, etc). It was reported there was a suicide attempt on Riverside Dr. self inflicted gun wound.

Capt. O'Bay of the 34th Pct reported crime decreased 21 vs. 26 crimes for the last 28 day period. It was also reported that during a police radio dispatch there was a car accident at Dyckman and 10th Ave. It allegedly was a car deal gone bad. Perpetrator Barion Blake resident of Dyckman Houses, not yet located, allegedly stuffed victim into the truck of a car on a swindle.

Three residents of the Park Terrace West Safety Committee spoke to domestic issues, dangerous traffic conditions at intersections of W. 215th St. They also indicated that at Seaman traffic is two way. Spokes persons indicated their concerns were for the elderly and children who use those walk way passages on a daily basis which were identified as very hazardous. The enforcement group took copies of their detailed letter to elected officials and a letter to DOT. It was also reported that on Isham Hill & 215th, lots of muggings and car break ins.

Ms. Pahaham encouraged the group to reach out to the District Manager if they had further concerns.

A discussion of "Operation Safe Cycle" educates cyclists and local businesses about the precinct enforcing violations of traffic laws by cyclist.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully typed by Deborah Blow, reviewed by Julissa Gomez, Chair