

Community Board 12, Manhattan
General Meeting – May 24, 2011 – Russ Berrie Pavilion
1150 St. Nicholas Avenue

PRESENT

Richard Allman
 James J. Amodeo
 Anita Barberis
 Wayne Benjamin
 James Berlin
 Isaiah Bing
 Rolando Cespedes
 George Cruz
 Mireya Cruz-Diaz
 Manny De Los Santos

George Fernandez
 Ariel Ferreira
 Nicole Alexandra Foster
 Mitchell Glenn
 Leandro Hidalgo
 Melanie Hidalgo
 Ernest David Kach
 Yosef Kalinsky
 Elizabeth M. Lehmann
 Richard R. Lewis

Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter
 Maria Luna
 Helen Morik
 Carole Mulligan
 Edgard Nau
 Angelo Ortiz
 Cheryl Pahaham
 Pamela Palanque-North
 Harlen Pruden
 Robert A Reynolds

Tamara Rivera
 Gabriella J. Rosa
 Steve Simon
 Alyce Smith
 Gloria Vanterpool

EXCUSED

Fe Florimon
 Edith Prentiss
 Zead Ramadan
 Raybblin Vargas

ABSENT

Frank Alvarez
 Leonardo Blackman
 Cynthia Carrion
 William Devlin
 Aldemar De Jesus Diaz
 George Espinal
 Julissa A Gomez
 Rafael Lugo
 Jose Polanco
 Angela Sanchez

Chair Pamela Palanque-North convened the meeting at 7:10 PM, no quorum

Chair's Report

Chair North stated that since no quorum yet, she would start with her report and will be sharing the meeting responsibilities with 1st Vice Chair, George Fernandez and 2nd Vice Chair, Cheryl Pahaham. They will continue the meeting after Chair North's report.

- Chair North started her update with mention of a Memorandum Agreement between the City Council, represented by Councilmember Robert Jackson and Columbia University, represented by Sandra Harris, AVP, regarding some community benefits for Bakers Field. One of the provisions in the Agreement is that 32 children and youth from this district will receive scholarships to attend Cubs, Soccer or Baseball Summer Camp. Chair North and CB District Manager Smith have been asked to serve as over site managers so that the children and youth can take advantage of this opportunity. CB cannot establish criteria other than people should submit a medical form, they live in the district and their zip code can be identified. CB has been asked to get 32 names through a lottery system by June 3rd. Application final date was May 31st. There are 55 applications of children and youth interested and there will be a public drawing of the names, which will be turned over to Sandra Harris at Columbia University. Ms. Harris will contact the family of children that have been accepted and will pay scholarships to camps directly.
- The Community Board has a seat on the Board of Trustees for the BID. Chair North has that seat and was involved in selection of its Executive Director. The CB has been asked by Councilmember Rodriguez who represents the area of Washington Heights and Angelina Ramirez, BID's CEO to look at the issue of street vendors in the district. The CB will look at the vendor issue in terms of policy and enforcement; working on issues that will probably need comprehensive strategic action. The CB will act as convener of a task force to come up with some solutions that will be made up of all stakeholders around vending. Vendors that are legal or not legal will have representatives on the task force. Chair North wanted to include vendors from several sectors along with NYPD, Consumer Affairs and other relevant agencies. They will come up with creative solutions so people can earn a living and merchants who own the stores don't have to fear competition.
- In the past months, there has been planning and executing of an educational forum on Charter Schools. The Community Board has been approached by three different Charter Schools administrations who want to file applications to open schools in this district. The Executive Committee members met and not all know much about Charter Schools, so Wayne Benjamin suggested it was an opportunity for some education around how the schools function and operate compared to DOE schools. Fe Florimon, Chair and Raybblin Vargas, Vice Chair of Youth & Education and their committee worked together with Vice Chair Cheryl Pahaham; they spent a tremendous amount of time helping to develop questions and panelists. They came up with a successful design and day; it was covered by The Gotham, and a very solid intervention around education informing community about the opportunity, pitfalls and challenges of these schools. This is Educational Forum #1 and we hope to annually hold an event like this. It takes a lot of planning, so ideas or other things that the committee can focus on with education, please let them know.
- There is a Traffic & Transportation hearing on June 16th regarding bike lanes. If you travel around the city as Chair North does, you will notice bike lanes especially in Manhattan. Some people love them, some don't. The issue of safety; the issue of many different types of lanes; road rules; how they impact traffic and parking will be under discussion and study.
- Chair North had an opportunity to attend a meeting held by Councilmember Robert Jackson about a month ago regarding administration of the hospital. There was an open discussion and informative exchange around 99 Ft. Washington Avenue Geriatric Center. The fact that the move from one location to another location created a spirit of discussion; the coming together of various groups where a plan is underway that the patients will be accommodated quite nicely over at the Center. The Board passed a resolution last month wanting inclusion in the process. Chair North is optimistic that the hospital will continue to give details of what kind of provisions are going on that addresses some of the concerns.
- Chair North wanted to thank The Concerned Democrats of Northern Manhattan for honoring her and CB12 at their Cinco De Mayo event. It was held at The Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Education Center. Other honorees included Peter Walsh of Coogan's and representative from the state of NY. It was a lovely event.

- Chair North also wanted to thank all the committees; their leadership of the Board; the members for all of the hard work that they do month after month on behalf of this community for no pay. Thank you very much.

District Manager's Report

- District Manager Ebenezer Smith was out ill.

No Quorum

Representative for Elected Officials

Juan Rosa for Borough President Scott Stringer's Office:

- Congratulations to Youth & Education Committee for their Town Hall Meeting on Charter Schools. He knows that Fe worked very hard on the forum because he has worked with her and knows she does a wonderful job.
- Greeting from Scott as he has had a very busy month on various issues.
- The BP launched a NYC Taxpayer's Receipt that informs citizens how city government spends their money.
- It sends transparency to the city budget process and allows taxpayers to view where money goes, what it pays for and what are the cities priorities.
- The BP was gratified that Chancellor Walcott cancelled the CEC elections. The BP would like the DOE to grant training of CEC and improvement of members of CEC's to the five borough presidents. This will help make those bodies true representation of parents and community voices.
- On May 9th volunteers and most of the BP's staff will be gathering at 1199 headquarters to get a bill through the State Senate. They will be calling voters to get support for the Marriage Equality Bill.
- Coming events include:
 - 5/25 town Hall Meeting on proposed cuts on Child Care and Early Education at 590 Columbus Ave @ 89th Street
 - 6/1 presentation on Land Use 101 in conjunction with elected officials in Northern Manhattan and CB12.
 - Introduce community to Land Use process specifically ideas received from Chair, Wayne Benjamin.
 - 6/9 Harlan Pruden has put together a meet and greet in his home for the BP and LGBTQ in Inwood. If interested see Harlan.

Frank Hess for NYS Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell

- Not much news in Albany
- Legislation is passed, some held up, awaiting:
 - 2% Property Tax
 - Governor's Ethic's Bill
 - Reapportionment
 - Rent Laws
- Tent cities being created all over the city
- Write Dean Skelos of State Senate and tell him you want to strengthen the rent laws
- Redistricting is going to be difficult because Senate not going along with Governor. They are pushing for an independent panel.

Joan Serrano-Laufer – Community Assistant for Guillermo Linares

- Saturday @ noon there will be a March to highlight gang violence in the community, starting at 170th Street & St. Nicholas to 200th Street & Sherman Avenue
- There was a Citizenship event and 300 people registered
 - Classes are: Monday & Wednesday from 6pm – 9pm @ 210 Sherman Avenue
 - 7 weeks @ IS 190 Community Room from 9am --noon -- request registration

Martin Collins for Council Member Robert Jackson

- Handed out Legislature Budget Report & Newsletter
- Councilman is returning from Albany and will come by

Elected Officials' Reports

Council Member Robert Jackson

- Strengthening the Rent Stabilization Law is one of the issues coming out of Albany.
- There are only two Republicans from NYC who are taking the lead on this issue.
- Councilman Jackson does not want a straight renewal of the law, he would like to see an enhancement or tying it to the property tax.
- Another issue is raising the cap from \$2000 to \$3000 in order to be decontrolled and raise threshold for income from \$175,000 to \$250,000, people will remain in rent stabilization law as far as residents and tenants for longer period of time.

- Between Councilman Jackson and Councilman Rodriguez, Northern Manhattan has the highest number of rent stabilized apartments in NY.
- Call your elected officials if you are concerned about rent stabilization laws. Albany will be out in a couple of weeks and this is going to be a major issue that will impact NYC.
- HPD has a new commissioner and there will be certain changes occurring. One of these changes is if there is a fire or the building is being vacated by the Department of Building, families are eligible to go into emergency shelter. There is no limit now and some families have been in these shelters for over ten years, but to reduce cost HPD is going to reduce maximum stay to one year. A family will be given 30 days to determine whether they want emergency shelter. CM Jackson thinks 10 years is too long to be in emergency shelter.

Quorum at 7:55pm

Jim Berlin, George Fernandez and Cheryl Pahahan discuss motion to amend the Agenda so that Gloria Vanterpool can report a resolution for the Aging Committee.

Public Speakers' Session

Lydia Maria Radin- Update – Detective Colon, 34th Precinct

- Last time at CB12, she stated she was illegally incarcerated by Det. Colon of the 34th Precinct.
- Ms. Radin has since spoke to Det. Colon and he doesn't dispute these facts.
- His solution to her problem is that she is to pretend he doesn't exist and he will pretend she doesn't exist.
- Her concern with that is she has spent thousands of dollars to clear her name and she wants the CB12 to know there is a police detective who lies and put innocent persons in jail.
- When she went to 100 Centre Street to check her file, she found Assistant District Attorney Alex Spyro with her file in his hands showing she was telling the truth.
- Wants CB12 to call District Attorney's office.

Dr. Lenora Falani – Educational Development

- Announced All Star Project Program (which she is founder) will be meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday, May 26th in this building.
- She is looking for quality after school advocates because 80% of young people lives are spent outside of school.
- The reason there is a discrepancy between children who come from privileged background and those who come from poor communities is located in what they do outside of school.
- Dr. Falani has spent the past 30 years creating relevant programs giving opportunity for these youths to step outside of their comfort zones and develop.
- One of the five programs sends 230 youth this summer to Wall Street and other corporate areas to learn about the world.
- She is inviting you to come.

Ann Kassner – Summer Sundays in the Heights

- Every Sunday in June at 157th and Broadway from 1:00pm to 5:00pm there will be activities for the family to enjoy music, arts and crafts, fitness classes and dance performances and so much more.

Paul Rubenfarb – Quadriad

- Washington Heights has visual, scenic and artistic beauty and feels Quadriad skyscrapers will spoil affordable housing in the area. He would like Gorham Park rezoned.

Charlotte Heleniull – Study for Treating Child & Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- Doing a treatment study for children who are bipolar 7-17 years, and their symptom are
 - Sudden mood changes from unusually happy to irritable and sad
 - Having unrealistic ideas
 - Racing thoughts, jumping from one topic to another
 - Talk to fast, hard to understand
- Study last 17 months, evaluations are free, 12 weeks follow-up care
- Can reach her at 212.543.0266.
- Suggest she talk to Steve Simon so that he can present her research study to his committee.

Rita Gorman- 190th Street Development by Quadriad

- This building will be a game changer for the community creating population density.
- Worried about infrucsture, solar systems, schools and transportation
- Wanted clarification on a letter that Councilmember Jackson sent regarding downsizing. She was referred to the meeting that will be at Mt. Sinai Jewish Center on June 6th.

Susan Dodge – Vendors in J. Hood Wright Park

- The park has serious issues with vendors selling toys in the playground to kids all day. They are selling to her 19 month old son cap guns and bubble items.
- She will be attending the 33rd Police Precinct Meetings.
- Vendors are usually there from 2:30pm – 7:00pm.
- She has spoken to park officials and called 311 as the vendors have been there for over a year.

Michael Diaz – June 11th Theatre Event

- Art show in Washington Heights and Inwood during the month of June
- 6/2 Celebration @ Shabazz Center honoring local artist @ 165th Street & Broadway from 6pm – 8pm.
- They have filmed three PSA's and have two one man shows, business owners can sponsor.

Helen Morik – VP of Government & community Affairs - 99 Ft. Washington Avenue

- There was a resolution passed last month regarding the relocation of 99 Ft. Washington Avenue.
- Due to late time there was no discussion of that resolution, so Ms. Morik read a letter to clarify some of the things that were happening.
 - Reason community not notified; didn't want to raise anxiety
 - Capital money was not available for renovation
 - Needed to relocate patients
 - Patients are treated fairly
 - Patients are our priority
- May 31 – June 2nd – Community Blood Drive

Alexis Belancourt – Express Transportation

- Want to thank CB12 for recommending Express Transportation Services, would like recommendation again.

Carmen Acosta – Healthcare Education Project

- Wants to unionize workers in the White Plains area who are working for Columbia Presbyterian.
- They are fighting for better contracts and conditions.
- Wants CB to sign letter of support.

Harlan Pruden – Meet & Greet LGBTQ

- Want to wish everyone a early Happy Pride June;
- He is a proud, gay, Native American who is extending an invitation to Scott Stringer's Meet & Greet for LGBTQ that he is hosting on June 9th at his partner's place from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- RSVP @ hpruden@gmail.com
- This is open to all.

April minutes have been adopted

Committee Reports

Aging – Gloria Vanterpool – Proposed Budget Cuts

- Two months ago Chair Vanterpool asked CB to sign petition to show support for Senior Citizen Programming because Albany was doing more cuts.
- Our Mayor said the Seniors Programs come from Federal & State money not City money, therefore, they should be responsible for continuing the program
- Four Centers met with Councilmember Jackson and Rodriguez to get support that programs would continue. At end of meeting, Chair Vanterpool was asked to do a resolution by which CB12 would officially show support and stop any cuts for Senior citizen's Programs.

- Chair Vanterpool read the resolution and asked CB to consider very seriously cuts of any kind to Senior Center Programs.
- Vote: Yes 29 No 0 A 0

Housing & Human Services – George Fernandez

- Housing and Human Services held their meeting of Part II of “The State of Tenants Quality of Life in CB12 Manhattan”. It was very successful as community based organizations came to speak out on tenant issues.
- Assemblyman Denny Farrell and his assistant Frank Hess contributed to the discussion on the housing and landlord issues facing CB12. HPD was present and they are working with tenants making emergency repairs as needed as well as working with landlords. We had a representative from the Public Advocate’s office as well as WHIC who brought up issues arising in the community regarding tenants.
- We had a chance to discuss the zip codes in CB12 are, 10032, 10033, 10034, 10040.
- There is a landlord watch list that comes out of the Public Advocates office Landlords placed on this list our labeled “worst landlords” because they have many infractions against their buildings.
- Out of 70 buildings on the list 37 of the landlords come out of CB12.
- Tenants are being forced out of their apartments and landlords are holding onto them.
- Some buildings have closed down and residents have not returned making certain areas in the community a ghost town.

Traffic & Transportation – Jim Berlin – Assistant Chair

- Plans to improve the traffic flow at 15 intersections in Inwood. They are temporary changes because they can be done by not obstructing anything. Main goal is pedestrian safety. Intersections concentrated on are those with a lot of accidents. Changes will not be for drivers convenience and left turns will not be allowed anymore, because they are the most dangerous. Note, UPS trucks never make left turns, only right turns.
- 1st resolution – expand the study of Intersection #8 (10th Avenue & 218th street). Vote: Yes 31 No 0 A 0
- 2nd resolution – automatic speed enforcement cameras. Vote: Yes 31 No 1 A 0
- 3rd resolution – Riders’ Rebellion Bill of rights adding a friendly amendment stating functional escalators and elevators. Vote: Yes 32 No 0 A 0
- Discussion on left hand turns
- This is preliminary now with review in the fall
- June 16th Public Forum on Bike Lanes in the community learning about the impact of lanes in the community.

Land Use – Wayne Benjamin

- Resolution pertaining to the Board of Standards Appeals application regarding existing parking facility background.
- Zoning districts in Washington Heights and Inwood need special permit in order to legally operate parking facility. Those permits need to be renewed every 10 years.
- Facility at 4452 Broadway (aka 88-90 Fairview Avenue) had 10 years variance that expired January of this year. The filed for 10 years renewal. Vote: Yes 30 No 0 A 0
- June 1st Land Use 101 Workshop is sponsored by the Borough President’s office. We are going to re-introduce some basic concepts about zoning and also talk about contextual zoning and down zoning are two different things.
- Will continue to pursue the planning and zoning issue critical to the community.

Economic Development – Nicole Foster

- Changes to recommendation s:
- #5 amended – not recommended
- #7, #13, #16 – no shows at Committee Meeting, an automatic No vote
- #10 - recommend
- Rest are positive recommendations
- Minutes are not in packets

Votes: #1,2,3,5,8, 11, 13 16 Yes 31 No 0 A 0 #4 Yes 30 No 0 A 1 #6 Yes 30 No 1 A 0 #7 Yes 26 No 4 A 1
 #9 Yes 30 No 1 A 0 #10 Yes 30 No 1 A 0 #12 Yes 29 No 1 A 1 #14 Yes 28 No 3
 #15 Yes 29 No 2 A 0

Health & Environment – Steve Simon

- Committee Meeting minutes not available.
- June 2, there is a joint committee meeting with Housing & Human Service to discuss Quadriad Project at Mt. Sinai Jewish Center. Four different committees have heard their presentation about the project.

Parks & Cultural Affairs – Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

- The next meeting is on June 6th at 6:30pm to hear presentations from the Parks Department on "Master Plan for Northern Manhattan Parks. This is a different time due to holiday on June 7th & 8th. We will join Transportation Committee at 7:15pm
- Reminder: It is illegal to smoke in any NYC park.
- March on Rent Reform is on June 11th convening at 155th Street and Broadway, walking down Snake Hill to Nagle and Dyckman.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm

Submitted by Alyce Smith – 6/15/11

Traffic & Transportation Minutes – June 6, 2011

PRESENT:

Committee: Jim Berlin, Mitch Glenn, Yosef Kalinsky, Edith Prentiss, Anita Barberis; CB 12: Aldemar Diaz, David Kach, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Zead Ramadan + 2 others; DoT: Kim Lira, Stacey Hodge, Greg Haas, Andrew Mason, Hanan Bashyawitz, Josh Orzeck, Maurice Bruet, Andrew Lenten, DDC: Maria Contero, Marcos Mossad, Glorybee Taveras, Jorge Tua, Randy Ide

Rabbi Kalinsky opened the meeting at 7:05 PM and welcomed the guests.

DDC Presentation – PS8 safety improvements (*Presentation by Randy Ide, DDC*): PS 8 – 465 West 167th Street. DDC will create 'neckdowns' to slow traffic and reduce distance pedestrians need to cross streets at 6 intersections near PS 8. All corners will have ADA compliant ramps. Committee and public comments:

1. A proposed neckdown at W. 167th Street & Edgecombe Avenue is very large and needs some greenstreets involvement to soften the impact of all of this newly poured concrete.
2. All pedestrian ramps must face the direction of the crossing. Mr. Ide assured that this will be the case.

Committee agrees to create resolution in support of DDC's initiative with language to be added urging the DDC to implement the two points discussed above. Vote: Committee 5-0-0, CB members 3-0-0 Public 7-0-0

DOT Presentation: W. 181st Street Corridor (*Presentation by Andrew Lenten, DOT*): DOT studied 19 intersections on and near W. 181st Street along the street's entire length. DOT recommends many improvements for the Committee's consideration and for incorporation in a supporting resolution:

- Two-way traffic would be preserved along the entire length of W. 181st Street.
- Several dedicated left-turn lanes would be added. (See details below.)
- An eastbound bus lane would be implemented during rush hours.
- 'Loading windows' would be implemented at various points along the corridor. A loading window will be a dedicated period of 4 hours – expected to be 9am – 1pm – during which only trucks loading and unloading will be permitted. At other times these locations will be available for parking. The Business Improvement District was included in discussions regarding the proposed changes, and supports them.
- Traffic lights would be reconfigured to allow traffic to move more smoothly.
- A left-turn bay would be added eastbound at Broadway; six parking spaces will be lost.
- No turns would be permitted from W. 181st Street onto St. Nicholas Avenue, or from St. Nicholas Avenue to W. 181st Street.
- A pedestrian median/refuge is also optionally proposed for St. Nicholas at and near W. 181st Street.
- Left turn from Amsterdam Avenue northbound onto W. 181st Street and from W. 181st Street eastbound onto Amsterdam Avenue would be eliminated.

DOT requests community input on the St. Nicholas pedestrian refuge, as well as the left turn from W. 181st Street onto Broadway. DOT requests that CB12 pass a resolution in June so that

construction work could begin in late summer. The Committee discussed the proposal and agreed to support all of the proposed changes with the exception of the possible pedestrian island at St. Nicholas Avenue. Which the group felt warranted additional study. Vote: Committee 5-0-0, CB members 7-0-0, Public 4-0-1.

The Parks Committee joined the T&T Committee for a joint session.

Yeshiva University presentation on W. 185th Street Plaza (*Presentation by Jeffrey Rosengarten, VP of Administrative Services at YU*) Proposed plaza is on W. 185th Street between Amsterdam and Audubon Avenues.

- 3 buildings face this block: 1 residential building and 2 buildings containing university classrooms.
- This has been a designated 'limited use street' since 1985. It is only open to traffic between 11pm and 8am.
- In 2008, YU applied for a NYC Public Plaza Program project for this block. This was denied because only 'restricted use streets' are eligible to be included.
- YU has chosen to go ahead with the streetscape beautification project using its own funds, but needs community support to proceed, specifically:
 - A public forum to be held 6/13/11 as part of the process needed to attain an Environmental Assessment statement.
 - The support and input of the DDC, DOT and CB12 regarding the design of the street in order to create a quiet plaza.
- It was noted that State and City funding has also been made available for beautification of the street.
- Mr. Rosengarten provided a preliminary design, but noted that nothing is final and suggested we use the preliminary design to stimulate discussion. He appears before the Committee simply to notify us at a very early point in the process of YU's desire to proceed; there is no specific plan yet to be approved.
- The University is interested in creating a space that will be attractive to all members of the community.
- The University is committed to maintaining the space.

Committee comments:

- E. Lorris Ritter suggested that artwork for the new space be chosen in collaboration with NoMAA.
- M. Luna implored YU not to repeat mistakes made in 1985 when the restricted street was created.
- P. North visited the area and thinks it will be a great amenity for the community. Noted that there is a letter on record from CB12 in support of this.
- J. Berlin suggested that this project will enable the different parts of the community to mingle.

Jennifer Hoppa (NYC Department of Parks & Recreation) noted that this plaza will work well with DPR's stated goals to add green space between existing parks.

Scheduling and Planning of Bike Lanes forum: The public is reminded that the forum is planned for Thursday June 16th at 6:30pm at the ARC XVI Ft. Washington Senior Center (4111 Broadway –

entrance on W. 174th St. between Broadway and Ft. Washington Ave.) Invitees include: DOT Safe Streets Program, Transportation Alternatives, CB 12's Aging & Public Safety committees, the Dominican Biking Group, I/WH's Livable Streets, representatives from local elected officials; also knowledgeable participants in the Columbus Avenue bike lane controversy. The evening will have three components: educational; safety; guest speakers. The flyer announcing the event was viewed and approved with minor changes.

The rest of the minutes of the joint Parks/T&T committee meeting may be found in a separate document.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mitch Glenn.

D-R-A-F-T

(Subject to change)

Community Board 12 Traffic & Transportation Committee -- June 28, 2011

Resolution Regarding Bike Lanes in CB12M

- Whereas: CB12 Manhattan's Traffic and Transportation committee held a bike lane forum on June 16, 2011 to educate the community about bike lanes as well as to understand the community's needs, goals, and concerns regarding bike lanes within CB12M; and
- Whereas: Presentations were made by the NYC Departments of Transportation and Parks and Recreation, bicycle/safety education experts, advocates for transportation alternatives, and another Community Board in Manhattan, all of whom discussed various aspects of bike lane implementations, including the experience of other NYC communities' experience with newly-installed bike lanes and the discussion of the possibility of future projects in NYC and CB12; and
- Whereas: Residents of CB12 suggested ways to improve current bike lanes and paths within our community's parks and streets enjoyed the support from those in attendance in addition to a petition signed by 1,300 residents of CB12; and
- Whereas: Many community members requested a better solution than the present state of entry from the Westside Greenway up to 181st Street against traffic with no existing bike path; and
- Whereas: The traffic and transportation committee is aware that many of our avenues are narrow and congested with both car and pedestrian traffic, and that parking spots are at a premium; now therefore be it
- Resolved: That CB12 Manhattan requests the NYC Department of Transportation to conduct a thorough study of the district's streets and to report back to the board on the possibilities of
- Connecting the Hudson/West and Harlem/East Greenways with safe bike lanes
 - Improving bike and pedestrian access to George Washington Bridge
 - Improving access to 181st Street from the Westside Greenway
 - Connecting existing bike lanes and creating safe ways for cyclists to move uptown, downtown, and across town

Community Board 12, Manhattan (Traffic and Transportation Committee)

Proposed Measures to Improve Pedestrian Safety - Luis Belliard School of Upper Manhattan June 6th, 2011

Whereas: New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) presented their Proposed Measures to Improve Pedestrian Safety at the six intersection surrounding Luis Belliard School of Upper Manhattan (PS8) to Community Board 12 Manhattan's Traffic and Transportation Committee (T&T) on June 6th, 2011; and

Whereas: The school is located at 465 West 167th Street between Amsterdam Ave, Jumel Place and 168th St. This is an area with high traffic density and high pedestrian volume; and

Whereas; PS 8 administration reported students have encountered speeding vehicles, double parked school buses, heavy traffic at intersection motorists refusing to yield to pedestrians as they walk to school; and

Whereas: In addition to PS 8, there are two schools on Jumel Place (MS 319 - Maria Teresa Mirabel School and IS 90) that contribute to the high pedestrian volume; and

Whereas: Traffic calming is intended to slow or reduce motor-vehicle traffic in order to improve safety for pedestrians and improve the environment for residents; and

Whereas; in 2004, DoT completed the following traffic calming techniques: Edgecombe Ave one way, 167th St to Jumel Pl; 168th St one way, Jumel Pl to Amsterdam Ave; angle parking on 168th St, Jumel Pl to Amsterdam Ave; installed a guard rail at Edgecombe Ave & 167th St; channelization at Edgecombe Ave & 167th St; and upgrade signs & pavement markings; and

Whereas: DoT traffic studies showed crossing timing was inadequate for a child pedestrian in several locations;

Whereas: DDC plans to install “neckdowns” (also known as curb extensions) which narrow the width of the roadway to reduce the distance pedestrians have to cross; and

Whereas, neckdowns also increase pedestrian safety by tighten the curb radii at the corners, reducing the speeds of turning vehicles; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved: The Traffic & Transportation Committee of Community Board 12 Manhattan supports DDC’s proposal to improve student pedestrian safety near PS 8 with the following additions: 1. the proposed neckdown at 167th St & Edgecombe Ave is very large, it was suggested that DDC should seek funding through Green Street to add greenery to soften the volume of concrete; and 2. pedestrian ramps should be designed to face the direction of the crossing.

Approved unanimously by: Committee 5-0-0; Board 3-0-0; Public 7-0-0

Community Board 12 Traffic & Transportation Committee – June 6, 2011
Resolution Regarding Proposed Changes to W. 181st Street for Enhanced Safety & Improved Traffic Flow

Whereas: The Department of transportation has engaged in a forty month long study of the 181st Street corridor, including adjacent intersections to the north and south, and has had many meetings beginning on February 25th 2008, including many meetings with the community, elected officials and the 181st Street Business Improvement District, concluding with a presentation at the June 6th meeting of Community Board 12M's Traffic & Transportation Committee; and

Whereas: DOT's proposed plan changes seeks to manage traffic operation while increasing pedestrian safety, enhancing the movement of goods and people, mitigating double-parking, and preserving on-street metered parking, and to this end would include the addition of some bus lanes and loading-zone parking, and preserving metered parking (using mini-meters, not individually metered spaces) in most blocks, extending curbs to shorten crossing distances, preserving two-way traffic flow, and adding dedicated left lanes; and

Whereas: All loading areas would be timed to coincide with street cleaning regulations to mitigate potentially confusing signage, the phase-in of all new regulations would include an extensive public education and outreach and relaxed enforcement so as not to punish drivers for whom the new regulations would be unfamiliar; and

Whereas: DOT has agreed to revisit St. Nicholas Avenue near 181st Street to assess traffic volume with respect to the possible reduction of the number of lanes in the two to three blocks north and south W. 181st Street and the possible addition of a pedestrian islands in the blocks north and the block south of 181st Street; now therefore be it

Resolved That Community Board 12, Manhattan prefers to delay making a conclusive decision at this point in time, until other traffic improvements are implemented, regarding the proposed pedestrian islands on St. Nicholas Avenue between 181st & 182nd and 181st & 180th Streets, with the concomitant reduction of lanes on St. Nicholas Avenue for 2 to 3 blocks north and south of the proposed islands; and be it further

Resolved That Community Board 12, Manhattan supports DOT's proposed plan to change traffic patterns of W. 181st Street as presented at the June 6th meeting of the Traffic & Transportation Committee, including:

- Addition of left-turn bays at Broadway, Wadsworth Avenue and Audubon Avenue at W. 181st Street and at northbound Fort Washington Avenue at W. 179th Street.
- Elimination of left-turns at W. 181st Street & Saint Nicholas Avenue and from northbound Amsterdam Avenue onto W. 181st Street.
- Prohibitions of all turns from St. Nicholas Avenue at 181st Street.
- Delivery/Loading windows at the northeast corner of W. 181st St. & Cabrini Blvd., the northwest and southeast corners of W. 181st St. & Fort Washington Ave., the south side of W. 181st St. opposite the west side of Bennett Ave., the northwest corner of W. 181st Street and Wadsworth Avenue, the south side of W. 181st Street from Wadsworth Avenue to Saint Nicholas Avenue, mid-block on the south side of W. 181st Street between Saint Nicholas and Audubon Avenues, and the northwest corner of W. 181st Street and Audubon Avenue for not more than three hours per day.
- Removal of a Taxi/FHV stand and 5 parking spaces, including an early AM loading zone on south side of 181st between Bennett & Broadway to accommodate a shared eastbound through and right-turn lane and an exclusive eastbound left-turn bay
- Curb extensions at the southwest corner of W. 181st St. & Haven Ave, the northwest corner of W. 181st St. & Broadway (short-term) and the northeast corner of W. 181st St. & Amsterdam Ave. (long-term)
- Lane striping at 181st & Amsterdam
- Addition of bus lanes during the PM peak period in the eastbound direction from Broadway to Amsterdam Avenue .

Approved / Rejected as follows

	for	against	abstain	not voting
Committee Members	5	0	0	0
Board Members	7	0	0	0
Public Members	4	0	1	x

Community Board 12, Manhattan
Executive Committee
Supporting Yeshiva University's Proposal for a "Restricted Use" Designation of W. 185th Street
June 14, 2011

- Whereas: West 185th Street between Audubon and Amsterdam Avenues is a "limited use" street, having been closed since 1987 to "through" traffic every day between 8am – 11pm; and
- Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan's Committees of Traffic & Transportation and Parks & Cultural Affairs heard a presentation by Yeshiva University on a long-term proposal to convert West 185th Street between Audubon and Amsterdam Avenues into a "restricted use" street, with landscaped sitting areas for public enjoyment; and
- Whereas: the block in question has no residential frontage, all of the buildings are owned or used by Yeshiva University, and Yeshiva's parking lot on the block also can be accessed from W. 184th Street; and
- Whereas: the "restricted use" street still would accommodate emergency services vehicles and all utility access, would result in no loss of parking, and cause little disruption of local traffic patterns; and
- Whereas: the creation of a new public green space is consistent with the overall goals of the 20-year Master Plan for upper Manhattan presented earlier in the Parks Committee portion of that same meeting; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan supports the change from "limited" to "restricted use" of West 185th Street between Audubon & Amsterdam Avenues; and be it further
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan supports YU's efforts to raise funds to bring their proposed vision for the construction and ongoing maintenance of a West 18th Street Plaza.

Approved unanimously (9 votes).

**Economic Development Committee Meeting
June 7, 2011**

EDC Members Present: Nicole Foster, Edith Prentiss, Mireya Cruz, Melani Hidalgo, George Espinal

EDC Members Absent: Leonardo Blackman, Rolando Cespedes, Angela Sanchez

CB12 Members Present: Richard Lewis

Public: See attached

A. Welcoming & Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced at 7:12 PM. The chair, Nicole Foster, welcomed all guests and walked through the meeting agenda.

B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses

On Premise Liquor Licenses

1. **Barrow Tavern Inc (5009 Broadway)**- The establishment was a no show. (EDC 0-3-2, CB0-0-1-0 Public 0-4-0)
2. **Harger Donut Shop Inc dba Coral (3802 Broadway)**- The establishment was a no show.(EDC 0-2-4, CB 0-1-0, 0-5-0)
3. **Carnival Latin Bistro Corp dba Altus Café (4325-4327 Broadway)**- The establishment was represented by the owner Angel Tejada. It is a restaurant that also has a sidewalk café. Their menu is fusion and they work to cater to a diverse community. They are open Monday through Thursday from 4 PM to 1 AM and until 2 AM Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, they open for brunch at 10 AM. Outside they have 15-20 tables with 2 chairs per table. Inside there are 25-30 tables with a smaller upper section which only has two seaters. The bar has 7 stools. There are 18 security cameras, four of which are outside. There is no security personnel. On the weekdays they use background music from a computer and at times they have local artists. The wheelchair accessible. No objection from the 34th precinct. (EDC 5-0-0, CB 1-0-0, Public 9-0-0)
4. **21 Bar Corp (4318 Broadway)**- The establishment was represented by the owner Felix Pineda. It is open 7:30 PM to 4 AM seven days a week. There are 3 full time staff and 1 part time staff member. There are no tables and 16 stools at the bar. There are no security cameras and one security personnel at night. Music is played through a jukebox. It is wheelchair accessible. The 34 precinct had no objection. (EDC 2-0-3, CB 1-0-0, Public 9-0-0)
5. **El Conde Restaurant Corp (4139 Broadway)**- The establishment was represented by the owner Angelina de la Rosa. It is a restaurant that serves Spanish food. It is open 8 AM to 12 PM weekdays and until 2 AM on weekends. There are 7 full time staff and 4 part time staff members. There are 20 tables which can seat 120 people. Their current security cameras are

not working. They are wheelchair accessible. There are no objections from the 33rd precinct. **(EDC 5-0-0, CB 1-0-0, Public 11-0-0)**

Restaurant Wine Licenses

6. **181 Restaurant Corp dba Hudson View Restaurant (770 W. 181st Street)**- The establishment was represented by the owner John Laescatis. It is a coffee shop/diner. It is open 6 AM to 12 PM every day of the week. There are six full time employees and 4 part time employees. The establishment has about 14 tables and 52 chairs. There are 6 security cameras. They play classical music through a radio. The establishment is wheelchair accessible. There is no objection from the 34th precinct. **(EDC 5-0-0, CB 1-0-0, Public 10-0-0)**
7. **Kobe Sushi Inc (827 W. 181st Street)**- The manager Andy Lin represented the establishment. They sell raw fish and other authentic Japanese food. They are open 11 AM to 11 PM on weekdays and until 11:30 PM on weekends. There are 6 full time staff members and 5 part time staff members. There are 9 tables which are all 2 seaters and the sushi bar seats four people. There is one security camera outside and five inside the establishment. They use a CD player to play music. The restaurant is wheelchair accessible. There is no objection from the 34th Precinct. **(EDC 5-0-0, CB 1-0-0, Public 9-0-0)**
8. **4986 Broadway El Nuevo Ambiente Corp dba El Nuevo Ambiente Restaurant (4986 Broadway)**- The establishment was represented by the owner Camilo Estevez. It is a Spanish restaurant. It is open 7 AM to 12 PM seven days a week. They have 6 full time staff members and 4 part time staff members. There are 10 tables which have 38 chairs. They play music through a jukebox and the establishment is wheelchair accessible. There is no objection from the 34 precinct. **(EDC 5-0-0, CB 1-0-0, Public 6-0-0)**
9. **Little Apple LTD (537 W. 207th Street)**- The establishment was represented by the owner Espana Aristye. It is a restaurant that serves low fat and organic meals. It is open from 10:30 AM to 9:30 PM every day except Sunday when it closes at 7 PM. They are closed on Sundays in the winter. There are 3 full time staff members and 2 part time staff members. There are 15 tables inside and 8 tables outside. They have 6 security cameras inside and 2 security cameras outside. They have no security personnel. They utilize a computer to play music. They are wheelchair accessible. There is no objection from the 34 precinct. **(EDC 5-0-0, CB 1-0-0, Public 10-0-0)**

Eating place Beer License

10. **Broadway Guadalupe Corp dba Guadalupe Victoria (3925 Broadway)**- The establishment was a no show. **(EDC 0-3-2, CB 0-1-0, Public 0-1-3)**

C. Taxi & Limousine Commission Renewal Licenses

11. **Professional Car Service Inc (376 Audobon Avenue)**- The president of the base Rabel Ronal represented the establishment. There are 200 cars all equipped with GPS systems. Idling cards part at 181st Street and Audobon Avenue and 177^h Street and Broadway. They have a contract service with

Bayshore for up to 50 cars for disabled persons. There are no objections from the 34th precinct. **(EDC 3-0-2, CB 0-0-1, Public 4-0-6)**

12. Kennedy Radio Dispatch (3760 Broadway)- The establishment was represented by the president Ramon Martinez. There are 170 cars. All are equipped with GPS. They idle on 171st Street between Amsterdam and Broadway. They have a contract with Bayshore that can provide 50 to 60 vehicles for patrons that have disabilities that require special services. The base is looking to move in to Harlem in the coming months. There are no objections from the 33rd precinct. **(EDC 3-0-2, CB 0-0-1, Public 4-0-7)**

13. Xpress Transportation & Multiservice Inc (958 St. Nicholas Avenue)- They were in review in March however they were a no show but Chairperson Foster has been communication with the TLC to grant them a extension since they did not attend the March meeting. The owner had an emergency in March outside the United States and upon his return he was made aware of the meeting. Currently have 87 cars and a few are equipped with GPS (25) cars. When cars idle they have a contract with a garage located at 184th and Broadway. Avia is the contractor who provides wheel chair accessible vehicles. 33rd Precinct Commander stated there are major concerns with double parking in front of location with numerous parking summons given. There are also mechanics working on cars in the street, which the precinct has also issued numerous summonses as well. Owner stated he isn't aware of the mechanic issue and the base has a strong policy against double parking. Community Board member stated he disagrees with the business owner when he stated there isn't mechanics' on the street or minimal amount of double-parking. The committee is requesting the district manager confirm proper signage is up. The base will enforce the double-parking regulation they will be removed as a driver for the base. **(EDC 4-0-1, CB 0-1-0, Public 7-6-0)**

D. Department of Consumer Affairs New Enclosed Sidewalk Café

14. 187 Restaurant Corp dba TOCOCINA Mexican Grill (591 Fort Washington Avenue)- The establishment was represented by Maria Kenneth. There are concerns from the 33rd precinct and the community regarding the significant loss of sidewalk space to the proximity of the end of the sidewalk café and the bus stop directly in front of the establishment. This is a very narrow sidewalk. Concern about noise pollution was also raised as well. The representative did no bring a drawing of the sidewalk café to the meeting because the architect said that it was not necessary. They do not know what type of barrier they will use between the end of the sidewalk café and the walkway. **(EDC 0-4-1, CB 0-1-0, Public 0-7-0)**

E. State Liquor Authority New Applications

On Premise Liquor License

15. El Nuevo Rincon Restaurant Corp dba El Nuevo Rincon Restaurant (125 A Nagle)- The establishment was represented by their paralegal Ismael Rodriguez. The owner is Manuel Diaz. The restaurant sells Spanish and American food. It is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. There are 5 tables each with 4 chairs and there are five stools at the bar. There are no cameras currently but the owner intends to

put to put one outside. They play music by a jukebox. It is not wheelchair accessible. They are working to put a ramp in the front of the establishment. The 34th recommends a no vote because they believe the establishment is too small in size to warrant a full liquor license. The precinct did not mind a beer and wine license. **(EDC 0-1-4, CB 0-1-0, Public 7-6-0)**

16. La Esperanza Sports Bar Restaurant Corp (2372 Amsterdam Avenue)- Alexandria Lopez, Manager representing the owner Ms. A. Tormino. Spanish Food pairing it with alc. 1pm- 4am 7 days a week. Full time staff- 4-5, 6 part time. Tables- 10, 3 chairs each. 8 Cameras (2 outside). Two security personnel- she wants to obtain a licensed security personnel recommended by Albany. Juke Box. Front door is accessible but not bathroom. 33rd Precinct Commanding Officer- has concerns about double parking, noise complaints, this establishment will add to the noise conditions in the neighborhood. At this time the Precinct recommends no. The business owner expressed her concerns that she has paid rent for a year and six months and she intends on working with a local parking lot to move vehicles and work with the community. She plans to obtain a contract on 177th and Audubon Avenue. Residents of the community are concerned about the potential for noise pollution, disorderly conduct and decrease in quality of life. Owner feels like she has not been given a fair chance to open her business and prove herself. Community board proposed downgrading to beer and wine license and closing at 10 PM on weekdays and 1 AM on weekends for 6 months and then reapplying for higher grade license. The owner has agreed. **(EDC 3-1-1, CB0-1-0, Public 6-6-0)**

17. Nueva Juquila Restaurant Inc. (2106 Amsterdam Avenue)- NOTE APPLICATION IS ACTUALLY SEEKING A BEER AND WINE LICENSE. The establishment was represented by Antonia Cabrvajal. It is a Spanish restaurant. It is open from 10 AM to 12 PM on weekdays and until 1 AM on weekends. There are 4 full time employees and 3 part time employees. There are 10 tables that seat 4 people each. There are no security personnel at the moment, but owner would consider it if needed. 33rd Precinct concerns- 100 feet within a High School. Many students uses that as a thoroughfare. Quality of life issues are major concerns and issued numerous summonses for drinking in public and other criminal nuisance. The precinct strongly objects. On April 10, 2011 they received summons for housing alcohol without a license and no certificate of occupancy and no catering license and no exit signs. Precinct strongly objects. **(EDC 0-4-1, CB 0-1-0, Public 1-0-3)**

18. Capricito Lounge Corp (65 Sherman Avenue)- This establishment was a no show. **(EDC 0-3-2, CB 0-1-0, Public 0-0-0)**

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #1
Renewal-SLA-On Premise Liquor License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Barrow Tavern Inc., located at 5009 Broadway at the corner of W. 214th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, it is a committee protocol to provide a negative resolution for establishments that do not attend the duly advertised Economic Development Committee meeting; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal on premise liquor license for Barrow Tavern Inc.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #2
Renewal-SLA-On Premise Liquor License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Harger Donut Shop Inc. dba Coral, located at 3801 Broadway at the corner of West 158th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, it is a committee protocol to provide a negative resolution for establishments that do not attend the duly advertised Economic Development Committee meeting; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal on premise liquor license for Harger Donut Shop Inc dba Coral.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #3
Renewal-SLA-On Premise Liquor License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Carnival Latino Bistro Corp dba Altus Café, located at 4325-4327 Broadway between W. 184th and 185th Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a renewal on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal on premise liquor license for Carnival Latino Bistro Corp dba Altus Café.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #4
Renewal-SLA-On Premise Liquor License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, 21 Bar Corp, located at 4318 Broadway at the corner of W. 184th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a renewal on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal on premise liquor license for 21 Bar Corp.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #5
Renewal-SLA-On Premise Liquor License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, El Conde Restaurant Corp , located at 4139 Broadway at the corner of W. 175th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a renewal on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal on premise liquor license for El Conde Restaurant Corp.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #6
Renewal-SLA-Restaurant Wine License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, 181 Restaurant Corp dba Hudson View Restaurant, located at 770 W. 181st at the corner of Fort Washington Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal restaurant wine license for 181 Restaurant Corp dba Hudson View Restaurant.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #7
Renewal-SLA-Restaurant Wine License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Kobe Sushi Inc, located at 827 W. 181st Street between Pinehurst and Cabrini Blvd, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal restaurant wine license for Kobe Sushi Inc.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #8
Renewal-SLA-Restaurant Wine License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, 4986 Broadway El Nuevo Ambiente Corp dba El Nuevo Ambiente Restaurant, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal restaurant wine license for 4986 Broadway El Nuevo Ambiente Corp dba El Nuevo Ambiente Restaurant.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #9
Renewal-SLA-Restaurant Wine License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Little Apple LTD, 537 W. 207th Street between Post and Sherman Avenues, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal restaurant wine license for Little Apple LTD.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #10
Renewal-SLA-Eating Place Beer License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Broadway Guadalupe Corp dba Guadalupe Victoria, located at 3925 Broadway at the corner of W. 164th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal eating place beer license license; and

Whereas, it is a committee protocol to provide a negative resolution for establishments that do not attend the duly advertised Economic Development Committee meeting; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal eating place beer license for Broadway Guadalupe Corp dba Guadalupe Victoria.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #11
Renewal-Taxi & Limousine Commission
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Professional Car Service Inc, located 376 Audobon Avenue at the corner of W. 184th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a renewal taxi and limousine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the Taxi and Limousine Commission granting a renewal taxi and limousine license for Professional Car Service Inc.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #12
Renewal-Taxi & Limousine
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Kennedy Radio Dispatch Inc, located at 3760 Broadway at the corner of W. 156th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a renewal taxi and limousine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the Taxi and Limousine Commission granting a renewal taxi and limousine license for Kennedy Radio Dispatch Inc.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #13
Renewal-Taxi & Limousine
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Xpress Transportation & Multiservice Inc, located at 958 St. Nicholas Avenue at the corner of W. 158th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a renewal taxi and limousine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the Taxi and Limousine Commission granting a renewal taxi and limousine license for Xpress Transportation & Multiservice Inc.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #14
New-Department of Consumer Affairs- Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, 187 Restaurant Corp dba TOCOCINA Mexican Grill, located at 591 Fort Washington Avenue at the corner of W. 187th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and local precinct, heard strong concerns related to how much sidewalk space would exist between the end of the sidewalk café and the bus stop directly in front on an already narrow sidewalk;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **STRONG OBJECTION** to the Department of Consumer Affairs granting a new unenclosed sidewalk café for 187 Restaurant Corp dba TOCOCINA Mexican Grill.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #15
New-SLA-On Premise Liquor License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, El Nuevo Rincon Restaurant Corp dba El Nuevo Rincon Restaurant, located at 125A Nagle Avenue at the corner of Arden Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a new on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard negative comments related to given the small size of the establishment a full liquor license was not warranted;

Therefore Be It Resolved, Community Board 12 offers **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new on premise liquor license for El Nuevo Rincon Restaurant Corp dba El Nuevo Rincon Restaurant.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #16
New-SLA-On Premise Liquor License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, La Esperanza Sports Bar Restaurant Inc, located at 2372 Amsterdam Avenue between W. 177th and W. 178th Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 if its intent to file an application for a new on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct heard no negative comments about the establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new on premise liquor license for La Esperanza Sports Bar Restaurant Corp.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #17
New-SLA-Beer and Wine License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Nueva Juquila Restaurant Inc, located at 2106 Amsterdam Avenue between W. 164th and 165th Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a new beer and wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee having met on June 7, 2011 to hear comments from the community and local precinct, heard comments about the establishment being less that 200 feet from a high school and havin received a summons for housing alcohol without a license on April 10, 2011;

Therefore Be It Resolved, Community Board 12 offers **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new beer and wine license for Nueva Juquila Restaurant Inc.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #18
New-SLA-On Premise Liquor License
June 7, 2011**

Whereas, Capricito Lounge Corp. located 65 Sherman Avenue at the corner of Thayer Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, it is a committee protocol to provide a negative resolution for establishments that do not attend the duly advertised Economic Development Committee meeting; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new on premise liquor license for Capricito Lounge Corp.

**Minutes of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee
and Joint Session with the Traffic & Transportation Committee
Monday, June 6th 2011 (711 West 168th Street)**

I. Attendees (PCA Committee Session):

Committee Members Present: Elizabeth Loris Ritter, Chair; Ernest David Kach, Asst. Chair; Mitchell Glenn; Zead Ramadan. **Absent:** Cynthia Carrion; Joe Wojak. **Board Members:** Wayne Benjamin; Richard Lewis. **Staff:** Frances Escano. **Invited Guests:** Charles McKinney, Joshua Laird, Jennifer Hoppa & Kathryn Prybylski, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation. **Public:** Gloria Pazmino, Carla Zanon, Nancy Brunning, Roger Meyer, Obed Fucar, Regina Gradess, Grant McGowan, Steve Harris, Richard Stout, Jonathan Rabinowitz, Gail Addiss, Oll Nerve, Tracy Eberhardt, Pat Courtney, Richard Stout, David Brogherson, Jerry Culligan.

II. Attendees (Joint Session including some from the single session above):

Committee Members: Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky, Chair; Anita Barberis; James Berlin; Mitchell Glenn; Edith Prentiss. **Board Members:** Pamela Palanque-North; Maria Luna; Elizabeth Lehman; Aldemar Diaz; Harlan Pruden; Steve Simon; Elizabeth Loris Ritter; Zead Ramadan; Ernest David Kach; Richard Lewis; Wayne Benjamin. **Invited Guests:** Maria Contero, Morcos Mossad and Glorybee Taveros, NYC Department of Design & Construction; Stacey D. Hodge, Greg Haas, Andrew Mason, Hanan Bashyaavril, Seth Berman, Josh Orzeck, and Jorg Tua, NYC Department of Transportation; Dennis Reeder, WHI Development Corp.; Jeffrey Rosengarten, Yeshiva University; Henry Wolman and Evelyn Kalka, Quadriad Realty Corp. **Public:** Martin Collins, Councilman Robert Jackson's Office; Kim Lua; Miguel Vega; Alma Sookam; Gloria Pazmino; Carla Zanon; Paul V. Hinterstelmov; Sandi Gil----; Barbara Nelson; Matthew Decker; Y. Duanto; Annette Guzman; Joanna Swan; Brad Conover.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Elizabeth Loris Ritter at 6:35pm.

Updates from the Chair This evening's meeting will include two sessions. In the first, the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee will hear a presentation of the Upper Manhattan 20-year Master Plan. The second will be a joint session with the Traffic & Transportation Committee to cover four agenda items: a presentation by DDC of Art in the Plaza de Americas (W. 175th Street between Broadway/Wadsworth); information on the June 16th CB12 International meeting on Bicycling; Yeshiva University's proposal for a plaza at West 185th Street; and a presentation by Quadriad Realty of their proposed development and its impact on parks, opens spaces, transit and traffic. EDC was unable to attend this evening to make a final presentation on their Sherman Creek redevelopment and "Malacón" proposal; EDC will schedule a public forum soon. *[Note: The meeting is scheduled for July 13th.]* With that, the rest of this session's meeting was turned over to Mr. Charles McKinney to present a PowerPoint slide presentation, heavily populated with designs and maps to amplify his discussion of the Northern Manhattan Parks 20-Year Master Plan. (A draft of the plan is available at www.northernmanhattanparks.org; once a final version is approved, it will be available online as well. The website also includes a link to an interactive feature which allows anyone to offer input regarding any of the District's many parks, playgrounds and surrounding areas.)

Overview: Mr. McKinney introduced the design team and alluded to the maps posted around the small room that were available for community inspection. Master plans have proven useful in the past by providing a framework, as well as providing a common understanding for the community, elected officials and potential funders, making it easier to move forward together. In northern Manhattan it is not possible to meet all the recreational needs in one park due to limited open space. There is now a history of work in this region with some \$150 million dollars of capital construction already built or planned. The design team has paid attention to the work done so far by others, including the Partnership for Parks, City College, the Natural Resources group, and the Parks inspection program, as well as community input through public meetings, surveys and an interactive web-based tool, which have given a better understanding of this area's problems, needs and issues.

Goal of the Master Planning Process: The goal of this planning process include the need to create a long term conceptual plan for Northern Manhattan Parks that will guide the maintenance, operations, construction for the next 20 years of capital expenditures and privately funded projects. This would enable DPR to establish better operational and strategic priorities. The plan will also try to link parks together as a system where healthy ecological areas, scenic paths, bike routes and water dependent recreational resources co-exist. The plan addresses community concerns, recreational needs and preferences as well as sustainability goals, community health and fitness, service and security problems. This process has involved many layers of development, including scoping the project itself, formation of an Advisory Council, information gathering, the review of existing materials and resources, interviews with community leaders and parks advocates, public meetings, and interactive virtual mapping of parkland areas. Upon completion, these materials were integrated with considerable site analysis and assessment to develop design goals. The resulting Master Plan has been presented at numerous meetings for public input; if approved, the final plan will continue to be shared for ongoing feedback. At public meetings people shared this planning vision and wanted parks connected to their neighborhood. They want parks or playgrounds that are safe, well maintained and easy to get out of. They wanted to be able to protect the natural environment. They wanted better access and use to the waterfronts. They wanted more bicycle paths. In fact these items may be view on the interactive website that is still up - **Community Visions:** http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_your_park/yt_north_manhattan_parks/nmp_master_plan.html

Community Health Profile: Special attention was paid to the community health profile in this area. Per the 2000 census, 26% of the population is under 18, and 31% is below the poverty level, making public parks even more important. One out 5 adults is obese, 48% of the population gets no exercise and 11% has diabetes. Over 75% of our health costs are lifestyle related, which is sufficient justification to provide its residents expanded, more and new recreational facilities.

II. Parks/Playgrounds Profile: Mr. McKinney stressed that there are many playgrounds in Community District 12, but they need to be within a ¼ mile radius from where people live, and must have comfort stations to be truly useful; there are playgrounds at the northern and southern ends of the district with no bathrooms. There also is a shortage of soccer fields, but there is limited flat space. The conditions of the some park paths, and it's hard to find a way out or patrol these area; Path

continuity improves parks security and use. There is a greater need for waterfront edge accessibility, and there are circulation problems, and the need to correct bike-pedestrian conflicts and traffic discontinuity at Dyckman Street. DOT plans significant changes in this area. For more information: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/201105_sherman-creek-slides.pdf and <http://www.streetsblog.org/2011/05/04/city-shows-inwood-some-much-needed-livable-streets-love/>

III. Priorities and Main Ideas: Four priorities have been established with this 20 year Northern Manhattan Parks Master Plan:

1. To challenge the nationwide problem where 75% of health costs are related to lifestyle.
2. To provide more opportunities for active family recreation that would allow our community's health to improve;
3. To remove invasive vines and trees that negatively affect ecological health, the perception of safety and the level of open space use.
4. To construct attractive and easily accessible; parks that improve community health, economic prosperity, and happiness.

Among the main ideas attached to these priorities is to create places for adventure, as well as a strong commitment to the need for extensive connectivity to all the bicycle paths that link to the Hudson & Harlem River Greenways, the GWB, the Highbridge, and to provide east/west linkages. All these goals are also related to improvements on the waterfront (human powered boating, docks and facilities) and to make people feel they can use the parks at night with more and improved lights. There is also too much concrete and an ever increasing need for green corridors and more open spaces in the region.

Table 1. Northern Manhattan Parks 20 Year Master Plan Summary

Fort Washington Park near 155 th Street	Riverside Oval	Fort Washington Park near 170 th Street	Fort Tryon Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Create accessible pathway for people with mobility issues ➤ Renovate ball fields for baseball and soccer ➤ Restore comfort station ➤ Create small boat launch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Restore fence and fountain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve bicycle and pedestrian path to Henry Hudson shoreline ➤ Create kayak launch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Restore historic structures for public use ➤ Continue restoration of historic Olmstead landscape
Dyckman Marina	Inwood Hill & Isham Parks	Sherman Creek	High Bridge Park:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Restore pier for large vessel tie-up ➤ Create mooring field ➤ Redesign parking area ➤ Add ramp to pedestrian bridge so bikes and "Gators" can easily access the path to the Henry Hudson Bridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Implement landscape changes, such as adding a creek to the lowland, to increase wildlife ➤ Improve open views of waterfront ➤ Develop comprehensive trail marking system to increase use and safety of park ➤ Improve bike and pedestrian access to Henry Hudson Bridge ➤ Promote northern tip as kayak stopping point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Create food concessions ➤ Create high marsh habitat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rebrand as an adventure park ➤ Connect middle path from 158th Street to Dyckman Street ➤ Restore High Bridge Water Tower for public use

A resolution (see attachment) in support of the plan as presented was passed with all 4 Committee members and both Board members voting in favor, and with a 12-1-1-3 vote of the public. Having concluded its agenda item, the Parks & Cultural Affairs committee meeting adjourned to the Traffic & Transportation Committee for a joint session. See the minutes of the Traffic & Transportation committee for a summary of the joint agenda items:

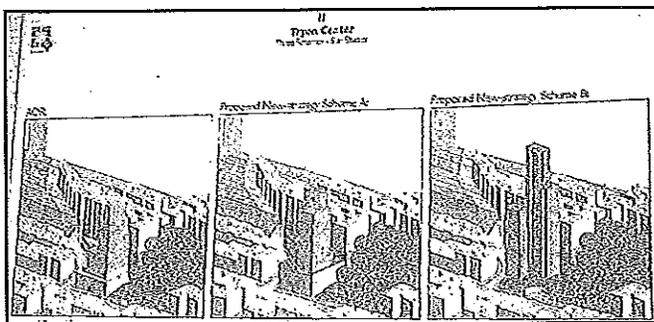
- NYC Department of Design and Construction (NYDDC) on Art work in the Plaza de Americas.
- June 16th CB12 Bike Forum & informational meeting
- Yeshiva University proposal regarding the plaza on West 185th Street

Joint Session on the Presentation by Quadriad Realty on the Proposed Development at Broadway & West 190th Street and its Impact on parks, open spaces, transit and traffic, chaired by Ms. Loris Ritter. She introduced Henry Wollman and Evelyn Kalka of Quadriad Realty, providing a brief re-cap of the process so far; Mr. Wollman also noted previous presentations at other CB12 Committees over the last several months. (See previous minutes.)

Mr. Wollman presented three new design schemes based on feedback received at previous meetings – As of Right, New Strategy Scheme A, New Strategy Scheme B – presentation of which was pre-empted at last week's Land Use meeting due to a previously scheduled Zoning Forum. Mr. Wollman reiterated his desire to bring his proposal to City Planning Commission within the six-month time frame he began in January. (It should be noted that the CPC can take as long as it wants to "certify" a development proposal to move forward to the Uniform Land Use Review Process, if indeed the project gets certified at all.)

It was noted that in the creation of affordable housing in this City – Quadriad's stated main goal – there are many City-funded approaches. But Quadriad preferred not to rely on public funding, which they regard as unreliable and having too many

requirements which they regard as overly bureaucratic. There is a fourth rendering that Quadriad promised to send to Board and other interested stakeholders within a couple of weeks as part of an extensive memorandum that will be made available in digital and printed formats. [Note: As of 6/27, no such package was received; minutes contain a photo of a powerpoint slide.]



As of Right Scheme (AOR) left; Proposed New Strategy Scheme A; center, and Proposed NS Scheme B, right.

Mr. Wollman explained that tonight's presentation was prepared in response to questions regarding a proposed major development of Gorman Park as part of a "New Strategy" scheme, as well as the physical and environmental impacts on the Park of all the schemes will respect to shadows, available sunlight and shading, and the transportation issues to be covered relate only to any new construction of the subway tunnel access. Discussion of housing, economic development and environmental issues have been or will be covered in meetings of those Committees.

Height and Project Scale Above Sea Level: Ms Kalka presented the following data. At ground level on Broadway the average height above sea level (ASL) is 98.4 feet on this site. South at Bennett Park we have the highest point in Manhattan at 265.7 feet ASL. Fort Tryon Park is 216 feet ASL and north of the Cloisters, not including the tower it is 177.2 feet ASL.

Description of the project's possible schemes: As of Right Scheme, the "New Strategy" Scheme A, and the "New Strategy" Scheme B. In the As of Right scheme, there is a single 28-story building including a six-story base with no community amenities or benefits, and Gorman Park remains unchanged. The New Strategy Scheme A has a taller contextual base (eight stories) that is required under NYC zoning codes for a project of this size; there are two 28-story towers with retail and community space. The tall base augments Gorman Park, adding green space. The New Strategy Scheme B consists of three towers instead of two. Although these towers are overall taller (42, 32 and 25 stories), the base is very different: not an eight story street wall base but a low base connected to Gorman Park. Mr. Wollman argued that these tall, slender towers would provide better housing, i.e., four or five apartments per floor, with more light and air. He claimed that the overall height will appear much lower with variable views that make them less oppressive than a bulk structure.

Effects of Shadows and Shading: June 21st was selected for a virtual test date for this preliminary sun/shade/shadow modeling. Slides were projected and sequenced for all three schemes on an hourly basis from 7AM to 6PM for each separately and with a comparative side by side sequencing of all three schemes at the same clock hours of change. There are shadows on the park and additional deep shadows in the north-to-south orientation and on the street across Broadway. The issue of the significance of this shading needs further study, both later in the evening for summer, and for the other seasons.

Subway entrance and access: To subway tunnel entrance on Broadway would not be above grade. Transfer to the lower level by elevators and escalators will be at grade. Elevators and escalators for tunnel access will be built for the exterior rehabilitation, as a pivot or transfer point providing access to all the Park, the plaza and stores.

Q&A: Why is the number of spaces (600) for the garage the same regardless of the number of apartments in the proposed development? A: (Wollman) The garage is not viewed as a significant component of the project. 600 spaces is more than what is required for the number of apartments built under any scheme, but the community expressed a need for parking spaces.

Q: What will the project look like from Wadsworth Terrace, and why haven't such renderings been included in any presentations to date? A: This view will be included in the 100 or so drawings in the memorandum to be released to the Board.

Q: Mitchell Glenn, a Board member, visited Quadriad's Williamsburg project, currently under construction; why are they building only five-story buildings, rather than a tower structure? A: The Brooklyn CB and their Land Use Committee favored Quadriad's 90-unit tower structure that Quadriad proposed, but NYC Department of City Planning did not certify the project, so only the as of right proposal could be built.

Regarding the shadow studies, several questions were raised regarding the selection of June 21st – when the sun is highest, and shadows are shortest – as a reference point, rather than December 21st, which would yield longer shadows and show the project (literally) in a less favorable light. The difference is marked: 79-degree elevation in June, and 32-degree elevation in December. A: a seasonal sunlight/shade/shadow study was part of another environment impact study, and will include March 21st, June 21st, one day in between these months, and December 21st. There were also concerns about the effect of shading on the solar roof panels at 75-79 and 81-85 Wadsworth Terrace.

Several questions focused on the implications of the height of the proposed schemes. 400 feet ASL would be higher than the Cloisters, but not higher than a nearby Mitchell-Lama building. How would these buildings look given the fact that a 40 story building would be approximately an additional 300 feet ASL, a 32 foot building would be an additional 320 feet ASL, and the 28 story 180 feet ASL, assuming the base of Broadway is approximately 100 feet ASL. This would leave the green spaces and access to Gorman Park in the shade most of the day. *[Note: The actual engineering calculations for height are somewhat taller than the 10/floor guesstimate used above, e.g. for a 40-story building the range is from 439-576 feet; for a 32-story building the calculated range is 356-468 feet; for a 28-story building the range is 314-414 feet.]*

Q: In the last meeting Quadriad indicated they would make a slide of the view from New Jersey looking east and showing the western edge of Upper Manhattan with its parks and the proposed site. A: This view will be included in the information packet.

Q: Why are the bases of the buildings eight stories? A: NYC Zoning requires that a low base cannot be built that is not at least 43-54' high. The AOR is six stories and the New Strategy scheme A is eight stories. The difference between A and B is that they are mapped in different zoning distances. Scheme A has a contextual base of 60 to 80 feet. It went higher as the height of the buildings went down. It also yielded more square feet. The tower base scheme is different. The New Strategy scheme B has a low base because it is also mapped in a different district.

Q: Why bother installing stairs, ramps and escalators for the subway entrance when the current entrance is perfectly serviceable? Also, it is not clear what the landscaping would look like. A: (Ms. Ritter) Quadriad has stated that they would only be doing the Park and subway renovations if they get approval for the "New Strategy" scheme; if approved, there would be a fuller design process for any such improvements, but those details would only be discussed with the community if the project goes forward.

Q: How much will this cost, and how much are you willing to commit. Mr. Wolman was unable to answer.

There was strong criticism about the need for any construction regarding the subway tunnel since there is no access for disabled people to get down to the subway platform at the tunnel eastern exit. Mr. Wollman responded that if the As of Right gets built nothing gets built for this tunnel and so the question would be moot and pointless, if this is the outcome. Access to the subway itself is the purview of the MTA.

Q: Given the dimensions of the buildings in the New Strategy Schemes can they be rotated as a possible solution to viewing problems from residents on Wadsworth Terrace and other areas? Also can the scenic views be protected so that these plans are not confrontational? Mr. Wollman did not respond specifically to this question.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Lewis and edited by Elizabeth Lorris Ritter.

Community Board 12, Manhattan (Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee)
Supporting NYCDP&R's Proposed 20-year Plan for Northern Manhattan Parks
June 6, 2011

- Whereas: the Department of Parks & Recreation has developed a 20-year master plan for northern Manhattan's parks through an open and highly responsive process which included many meetings and workshops in the community, with Community Board 12, Manhattan, with various park users, groups and stakeholders and with elected officials and other interested parties, input gathered from correspondence, e-mails, phone calls and an interactive on-line process to gather ideas for park uses and priorities; and
- Whereas: The master plan reflects many projects that are already funded and are in the pipeline, including the restoration and reopening of the historic High Bridge, and also looks ahead to propose new projects to continue to improve parks throughout the community; and
- Whereas: Northern Manhattan is more than 40% parkland – more than any other community district in the borough – with miles of shoreline, a lighthouse, a water tower, historic houses, recreation centers, old-growth forest, and unique geological features such as glacial potholes; and
- Whereas: Linking the 30 sites of Northern Manhattan into an open space network and working with the community and other agencies will create stronger and safer connections between them.
- Whereas: Only half of Northern Manhattan residents gets sufficient exercise, and a disproportionately high percentage of its residents suffers from such chronic conditions such as diabetes, which could be prevented, reversed or at least mitigated if the parks and recreation centers were improved for better utilization; and
- Whereas: There are many specific unmet needs in Northern Manhattan's parks, including availability of water *within* the parks (e.g., fountains, hoses, spigots, bathrooms), storage, and work space for the Parks Enforcement Patrol, maintenance and other groups, as well as many opportunities for improved programming in and access to all of northern Manhattan's parks; and
- Whereas: There is a strong desire in the community for more recreational waterfront opportunities, and ways creatively to use and explore the many miles of shoreline in CB12; and
- Whereas: It is desirable to activate parks through creative programming and constructive use and to make them accessible for biking, running, maintenance vehicles and patrol cars to increase use and public safety; and
- Whereas: There is a strong desire in the community for more recreational waterfront opportunities, and ways creatively to use and explore the many miles of shore land in CB12; and
- Whereas: Prioritizing Forestry management, especially reduction of invasive plants, vines and self-seeded trees, and opening up views into and out of public parks will make them safer and more welcoming; now therefore be it
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan supports the Department of Parks & Recreation's proposed 20-year master plan for northern Manhattan as a guideline to prioritize projects and capital spending over the next two decades; and be it further
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan calls upon the New York City Public Design Commission to approve this proposal; and be it further
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan calls upon its elected representatives to fund capital projects consistent with the goals and priorities set forth in that plan.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Not Voting
Committee	4	0	0	0
Board	2	0	0	0
Public	12	1	1	3

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Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee
Resolution Supporting NYCDP&R's Proposed Old Croton Aqueduct Signage for Highbridge Park
June 28, 2011

- Whereas: The Department of Parks & Recreation is seeking approval to install a series of 13 historical signs along the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail from the city line in The Bronx down to the site of an old reservoir in present-day Bryant Park; and
- Whereas: The Old Croton Aqueduct, as the signs state, was built between 1836-42 and "profoundly changed New York City by providing clean water from the Croton River in northern Westchester County" in place of "limited and heavily polluted water from local wells, springs and ponds, which contributed to unsanitary living conditions, the spread of infectious diseases and fire damage;" and
- Whereas: The aqueduct "was a magnificent example of 19th century American engineering, using gravity to carry water through a brick tunnel for over 40 miles. It allowed New York City to grow and prosper, and remained in use until 1955;" and
- Whereas: The landmark High Bridge was built as the final link in the aqueduct, and two of these signs therefore are proposed for Highbridge Park, one in the plaza on the Manhattan side of the bridge and the other one on Edgecombe Avenue above West 158th Street, near where the trail leaves the park; and
- Whereas: Each sign will include three acrylic panels that will feature a brief history of the Old Croton Aqueduct, maps showing the full length of the Aqueduct and the section within the city and historical images related to the specific sites where the signs are located; and
- Whereas: The panels are fade-resistant, vandal-resistant (paint does not adhere to them) and easily can be cleaned; and
- Whereas: These signs are attractive, are highly readable and will increase the public's appreciation of Highbridge Park by conveying important educational and historical information; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan endorses the Department of Parks & Recreation's plan to install the two historical signs for the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail in Highbridge Park; and be it further
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan calls upon the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission to approve this proposal.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Not Voting
Committee				
Board				
Public				

FOR DISCUSSION @ PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING 6:45pm 6/28/11.

Health & Environment and Housing & Human Services Committees Joint Meeting at Mt. Sinai Jewish Center – June 2, 2011

H&E Committee Members Present: Steve Simon, Chair; Obie Bing, David Kach, Helen Morik, Edgard Nau, Raybblin Vargas, Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

H&HS Committee Members Present: George Fernandez, Chair; Melanie Hidalgo, Alyce Smith.

Committee Members Absent: Mireya Cruz-Diaz, Carol Mulligan.

CB12 Members Present: James Amodeo, Wayne Benjamin, Fe Florimon, Richard Lewis, Edith Prentiss, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter.

Members of the Public: Alex Castex-Porter, Kitty Clarke, Rita Gorman, Vadim Moldovan, Peg Quisenberry, Paul Rubenfarb, Joan Serrano Laufer, others.

George Fernandez, chair of Housing and Human Services, and Steve Simon, chair of Health and Environment, began the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Presentation regarding large-scale development planned for Broadway and W. 190th Street – Henry Wollman, CEO/President, Quadriad Realty Partners, said the following about his plan:

- Aim is to build “middle-income and affordable housing” using only private \$, no public support
- 70% of units in “New-strategy” project would be market-rate, 30% would be “affordable”
- Total of 571 apartments – 400 market-rate, 171 “affordable” (original plan had 652 units)
- “As-of-right” project would have only 177 market-rate apartments
- Created the Real Estate Institute at CUNY, where he was asked by former Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum and the City Council to do a study on the future of affordable housing. Quadriad’s “New Strategy” is the result of study.
- “We’re not about building tall buildings... we’re not about building short buildings”
- Affordable units would remain “affordable in perpetuity”
- Best type of housing can be provided in “skinny buildings” or towers – more windows and light
- Has developed two new “New Strategy schemes” for the site on the east side of Broadway:
 - Two 28-story buildings or three buildings – 39, 32 and 25 stories (his preference)
- Would rehab Gorman Park as part of either scheme but not if he doesn’t get a zoning variance and builds an “as-of-right” 28-story building on that site instead
- Developers can make as much money if they did “as-of-right” project
- Distributed a handout showing that the Quadriad “New Strategy” plan considers the median family income for CB 12 area to be \$60,000. The low-income limit (up to 60% of the median) is \$36,000, the moderate-income limit (up to 120% of the median) is \$72,000, and the middle-income limit (up to 180% of the median) is \$108,000.
- Will divide affordable housing by income groups according to community’s wishes; willing to take “off the table” apartments for “middle-income” group with incomes between \$72,000-\$108,000; all the “affordable” units would be for the lower two tiers
- Quadriad’s income limits are lower than those in City’s inclusionary zoning program
- Will divide studio apartments in any combination of different income tiers “as you want...if you were to tell me to put all the studios in low-income, we would do that”
- Total affordable housing space – 100,000 square feet
- Will be a rental project; would have liked to offer a condo or coop plan
- Can start to build the as-of-right building next March. “We are perfectly prepared to build” it if zoning variance not granted. “If we cannot be in the ground by the end of 2012, we will do the as-of-right project.”
- Chose the site because it is close to two subway lines and a park

- Has site control and option to buy property on east side of Broadway until end of 2012, wants to build by then; didn't discuss site on west side of Broadway

Questions/Comments: Several people raised questions about the size of the proposed project, whether it would provide any benefits to the community and its impact on the community in terms of noise and traffic congestion during construction. In response to one comment, it was made clear that the Community Board has not taken a position on the project and is trying to gather information to learn more about what Quadriad is proposing. The project has not been certified by the Department of City Planning. Quadriad has chosen to come to the CB before submitting an application to City Planning. If and when its application for a zoning variance is certified, the formal Uniform Land Use Review Procedure would begin. CB 12 would have 60 days to respond to the proposal, the Borough President has 30 days, the City Planning Commission has 60 days and the City Council has 50 days to reach a final decision.

W. Benjamin: We need to look at how affordability is defined for Washington Heights-Inwood. The median income of the residents in the four uptown community districts is 52% of the citywide median.

S. Simon: How will you guarantee that the rents remain affordable? Who would enforce this policy?

H. Wollman: intend to create a separate corporation to own the "affordable" units, such as Phipps Houses or "another well-respected non-profit agency." Rents would only be increased based on cost-of-living levels; they would be restricted by the corporation's by-laws. If by-laws violated, the corp. can be sued. Preference is to have NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) "act as the enforcement agent. I don't know if they are prepared to do it. I will make an offer to the HPD Commissioner. We would provide HPD with management fees...[If that doesn't work], we may be prepared to go to the State Legislature. We believe we have counsel who will help devise enforcement mechanism."

S. Simon: How are you dealing with this issue in your project in Williamsburg?

H. Wollman: There is a clause in the lease given to the tenants. He agreed to give a copy to the committee.

R. Vargas: Will the project be built by union labor? Will local residents be hired?

H. Wollman: It will be a union project. Will hire qualified local labor. Contractor will be Plaza Construction, which is owned by Fisher Brothers. The project will be financed by the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust.

Community Facilities: Mr. Wollman said he plans to include the following facilities in the project:

- Family health care practice – He said he is working with New York-Presbyterian Hospital to develop this idea. However, Helen Morik, VP of Government and Community Affairs at NYPH, said she was unaware of this and asked him to contact her the following day to let her know who that person might be. He said he is also enlisting the help of the NY Academy of Medicine.
- An early childhood education / day care center
- A New York Public Library branch library specializing in digital media
- And if there is space left over, a performing arts center

Environmental Issues: S. Simon asked Mr. Wollman if he had the answers to the question regarding whether the local utilities and infrastructure are sufficient to accommodate the project's different scenarios, which was posed to him by the Land Use Committee in January. In his March response, he said he would provide for the May Land Use meeting "an introductory review of the impacts of the proposed New-strategy development on the following:" local water supply, local sewerage, local electricity demand, subway and bus transportation, vehicular transportation, public schools' population and new demand, and New-strategy LEED certification standards. Mr. Wollman said he did not have the response

ready yet since he is "not certain which project we will be building," but he promised to provide a response to the board in a follow-up memorandum next week.

Questions were also raised about the use of gray water, energy transfer, sustainable materials, the impact of the Quadriad towers on nearby buildings on Wadsworth Terrace that utilize solar panels and the fragility of the subsurface gas lines, which Mr. Bing said are 80-150 years old in this community.

S. Simon asked about the shadow study that Mr. Wollman told the parks committee he would prepare. He said he did not bring it tonight but would show it to the parks committee next Monday.

In response to a question, Mr. Wollman handed out a sheet with estimates on the number of school-aged children who would be living in the Quadriad project: 99 children in the "New-strategy" project (52 in the 400 market-rate units and 47 in the 171 "affordable" units), and only 23 children in the "as-of-right" project. He said that studios and 1-bedroom units would comprise 65% of the market-rate units, and the other 35% would have 2-3 bedrooms.

O. Bing: what type of fuel are you planning to use?

H. Wollman: cannot answer that question right now...one reason we prefer tower design is that it would have lower fuel consumption because of "vastly limited interior spaces"...."my preference would be gas"

A. Castex-Porter: what will be the impact of the garage on traffic on Broadway, the sole north-south thoroughfare connecting Washington Heights and Inwood?

H. Wollman: we were asked by people in the community to build a large garage to deal with parking problems and lack of parking facilities in the area. It will benefit the community. [garage will have 618 parking spaces]

V. Moldovan: what about all the trucks traveling on Broadway because of the construction?

H. Wollman: construction period would last for two years. Staging area would not be on Broadway. Deliveries of construction materials would be scheduled from midnight to 8 a.m. Most deliveries would be off Fairview Avenue, some on Broadway side.

O. Bing: is the west side of Broadway a brownfield site?

H. Wollman: we are not yet 100% committed to that site

R. Lewis: how would the towers affect the scenic views of Washington Heights? How would they look from New Jersey?

H. Wollman: "we are very conscious of that issue"

H. Morik: cautioned against people having high expectations about construction jobs for local people, based on previous experience with projects at NYPH.

S. Simon: with the large number of significant issues that have been raised, a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be done for this project, not simply an Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS).

The meeting concluded with a discussion about the timetable for this project. Mr. Wollman said he wanted to make a final presentation to the Land Use Committee in July to see which "New-strategy" scenario the Community Board prefers and then proceed to file a ULURP application with the Department of City Planning for one of the two alternatives. He said he hoped the project would be certified to begin the ULURP process by November.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Alyce Smith and Steve Simon

Committee for the Concerns for Aging
Tuesday - June 14, 2011
10:15 AM
at CB12 M Office
711 W. 168th St.

Committee Members Present

Gloria Vanterpool, Edgard Nau

Public Members

Norma De Candido, Glenda Massa

Guests

Katherine Chen City College

Ginia Addeo

Jim McNiff

Meeting convened and a warm welcome was extended to all

Highlights of Committees

Housing

Rally Parade was conducted in the community to protest the anticipated rise in rental costs for rent-stabilized apartments thru the city. on June 11th

Health & Environment

A resolution was submitted and voted to stop the closing of the Geriatric Practice @ 99 Ft. Washington

Traffic & Transportation

Reconstructions of 8 intersections will take place by DOT

- Nagle Ave. & Dyckman St.

- 10th Ave. & Nagle Ave.

- 10th Ave. & 201/202 nd St.

- 10th Ave. & 207th St.

- 9th Ave. & 207th St.

- Broadway & 207th St.

- 10th Ave. & 215st Broadway

- 10th Ave. & 218th St.

Hopefully it will improve pedestrian safety at these intersections

Scheduling of Bike Lanes Forum on Thursday - June 16 - 6:30 pm The Committee was invited to attend and the Chairperson will attend and speak

Aging Committee

Resolution was presented and passed at the General Meeting on May 24th strongly opposing budget cuts to the vital programs operated by the Dept. for the Aging

New Business

Chairperson attended a rally at Cooper Union concerning rent laws for rent stabilized apartments. As the laws exist now, they set to expire June 15th. The campaign to rally support to renew and strengthen the rent laws. Everyone is asked to call Gov. Cuomo office to bring it to his attention.

-- Rally on Sexual Assault in our community to ensure greater coverage by the police dept. held by our legislature officials on June 9th

Project- EASE-D (Educating About & Screening Elders for Depression)

This has been introduced in several of our senior centers and an update will be reported at our next meeting

* This is our last meeting until September 13 Topics to be announced.

- Reported some rapes to occur and mentioned that they were not stranger type , but more that the individuals were are known to each other
- Officers will be posted at riverside Park during the weekends

Angelo Ortiz-CB12m member

- High Lighted Columbia Universities youth violence study
- Expressed concerns about under age drinking and violence in the community

Update from DA's Offices, Joclyinne Minaya

- Reported that officers Silverman and Reyes made arrest of 3 individuals for homicide, all were indicted at Supreme Court and 1 perpetrator is a 15 year old who is being charged with Murder 2nd degree. DA's office is providing services for the victims mother.(social worker)
- Reported that Commander Navarro from the 34th Pct was involved in an incident were he was dragged by a motorcycle, and the perpetrator was apprehended, furthermore the perpetrator had a prior history for the same charges.
- Actively involved in visiting the senior centers and making the elderly aware of elderly abuse to the community.
- DA's office working on bringing Family Justice Center, where ; Sex Crimes, elderly Abuse and Domestic Violence will
- DA's Vance is working on Legislative that makes 3 arrests for domestic violence a felony.

Angelo Ortiz from UNIDOS --

- Provided a presentation the issues of Nutcrackers being sold out of peoples refrigerators through out the community and the purchasing of liquor at unauthorized establishments
- Unidos is looking to link up with the Pct and the community boards to discuss strategies of how to combat the distribution of the nutcrackers through out the community
- Unidos has been invited to participate with The New York policy Alliance
- Unidos would like to begin collecting data starting in the summer through out the fall, resident surveys and parent focus groups on alcohol, A 7 point action plan is on its way
- A grant from CDC is available for 1.5 million and UNIDOS is thinking about applying for it to help the cause

Michael Mowaatt- Wynn

- Expressed concern about no licensed vendors and the spike of rapes in the LGBT community due to alcohol consumption.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Youth and Education Committee

Monday, June 6, 2011

Committee Present: Fe Florimon: Chair, Alyce Smith, Angelo Ortiz, and Maria Luna

Committee Member Excused: Raybblin, Asst. Chair

Committee Members Absent: Jackie Rowe Adams, Leonardo Blackman, Manny de los Santos

CB12 Public Members: Ms. Judith Amaro, Inga Korsgaard, Mr. Al Kurland and Jake Morris,

AGENDA

Meeting started at 7:11pm

Chair Florimon welcomed everyone and discussed the evening's agenda.

Chair Florimon introduced Lenin Reyes who is a representative of the Ft. Washington Public Library-Outreaching the Community. Mr. Reyes is located at the Ft. Washington Branch, 179th Street between Audubon and St. Nicholas Avenue. He wants us to know about the resources that are available at the branch, particularly templates that are available where you can write to our city officials. Chair Florimon requested that the template be emailed to her so that she could circulate it. Also discussed was the 3rd floor of the library which has not been used. It was suggested that the Community Board, under District Needs, could make this a capital priority. Chair Florimon asked Mr. Morris to write a paragraph that will allow her to present this request to the members for their consideration and then to the Board.

Chair Florimon introduced Inga Korsgaard, New York State Psychiatric Institute a research organization that is part of New York-Presbyterian mental health HAPPY Study.

- Children of depressed parents at higher risk for mental disorders.
- Prevent depression in youth whose family members may be.
- Youth ages 12-18 are followed for 12 weeks via a depression study; take magnetic study of the brain.
- Ms. Korsgaard wanted to spread word about outreach service and youth can be paid for this study
- Parents don't want their children used as guinea pigs
- Mr. Morris suggested CB12 website has resource link page.

Chair Florimon discussed the possibility of conducting community outreach with the hope to increase the participation of youths and parents in the Y&EC's meeting. She also encouraged participants to spread the word about the meetings and to feel free to invite the community.

Youth and Education Committee

Monday, June 6, 2011

Chair Florimon introduced Al Kurland, Police Athletic League who produced a Memorandum of Support that allows 16 and 17 year old residents of New York City to be appointed to Community Boards.

- Memorandum is to go to: leslie.ad74@gmail.com and Marcella.ad74@gmail.com
- Bill will foster youth leadership and encourage civic engagement

Chair Florimon opened discussion about the May 21st Forum on Public and Charter Schools. Some thoughts included:

- One sided – panel and public more interested in Charter Schools
- Parents don't understand structure
- Questions as to why Chancellor Walcott didn't show
- Speakers were informative no matter what side of the issue they were on
- Parents need to increase their participation
- Mona Davids (the parents advocate) spoke professionally and to the point
- Charter Schools are taking Public Schools' space without letting the community know
- BOE does not bring school closings to the community

Old Business

- There was a discussion with Mr. Morris about co-planning for the Educational Forum in the fall regarding GED and dropout crisis.
- Mr. Morris suggested David Jones should be on the next panel.
- CEC and Y&E want to get involved with parents

New Business

- There is a Tenant March and Rally this Saturday that starts at Noon from Broadway @ 155th Street up to Dyckman and Nagle

Meeting ended at 8:50pm

Community Board 12, Manhattan
Executive Committee
Opposing a "Percent for Art" Installation in Plaza de Americas / W. 175th Street
June 14, 2011

- Whereas: the New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) Plaza de Americas project on West 175th Street between Broadway and Wadsworth Avenue includes a public art project through the Percent for Art program; and
- Whereas: DOT's selection process did not include any outreach to the Northern Manhattan arts community; and
- Whereas: DOT proposed an installation of art for public approval at a June 6th joint meeting of the Traffic & Transportation and Parks & Cultural Affairs Committees, with no prior notice and without a sufficient timeframe for public review or meaningful public input; and
- Whereas: the proposed sculpture bears no contextual relationship to the site and does not otherwise provide an artistic "sense of place"; and
- Whereas: people can (and do) disagree on subjective aesthetic judgments but the opinion of the proposed installation ranges from mere tolerance to strong dislike, with no member of the community expressing affinity for the installation on aesthetic grounds; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan objects to the installation of the sculpture proposed at the June 6th joint meeting of the Traffic & Transportation and Parks & Cultural Affairs Committees; and be it further
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan calls upon DOT to work with the Community Board, the and the Washington Heights/Inwood arts community, and specifically, the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance, to identify a more contextually appropriate commission to be sited in the Plaza de Americas pursuant to a more inclusive public process.

Approved 8-0-1-0 and 1 member of the public.

**Resolution: Calling on Congress To Affirm the Humanity and Civil Rights
of All Americans and to Enact The "Respect for Marriage Act"**
Community Board 12, Manhattan
June 28, 2011

- Whereas:** After many arduous years of campaigning, lobbying, protests, and public education efforts, on June 24, 2011, New York State enacted legislation recognizing same-sex marriages, providing thousands of gay and lesbian couples New Yorkers legal protections and rights enjoyed by heterosexual couples; and,
- Whereas:** In February 2011, the United States Department of Justice declined to defend the "Defense of Marriage Act," which defined marriage as being between a man and a woman only, prohibited federal recognition of same sex marriages made legal by some states, and caused untold harm by denying gay and lesbian couples over 1,100 federal rights and privileges of legal marriage; and,
- Whereas:** In March 2011, courageous Congressional leaders including Representatives Tammy Baldwin, David Cicilline, John Conyers, Barney Frank, Jerry Nadler, and Jared Polis and Senators Diane Feinstein, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Patrick have reintroduced the "Respect for Marriage Act"; and,
- Whereas:** According to the Human Rights Campaign, over 3.1 million Americans are living in same sex relationships and between 1 and 9 million children are being raised by lesbian, gay and bisexual parents in the United States today; and,
- Whereas:** Federal marriage equality will allow gay and lesbian couples to honor their commitment to each other and through the extension of federal rights and protections to their love, will provide a necessary safety net to their children and to themselves, by ensuring that loving partners can make health care decisions for each other, that children and partners can inherit assets left to them by deceased partner, that partners become eligible for spousal retirement benefits, that immigrants can secure their right to remain in the United States and to ultimately achieve citizenship, that partners can obtain joint health insurance, among many other benefits afforded to heterosexual couples; and, now therefore be it
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan views the federal ban on marriage equality for gays and lesbians as a denial of civil rights that has caused undeserved and untold emotional pain and suffering and economic losses to thousands of victims; and be it further
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan urges all of New York's Congressional Delegation to recognize and work to uphold the civil rights of all Americans, and to declare its support of the "Respect for Marriage Act"; and, be it further
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan expresses its unqualified support for marriage equality for gays and lesbians and respectfully asks Congress to end the cruel targeting of gays and lesbians and grant them the rights and privileges of heterosexual marriages by passing the "Respect for Marriage Act."