

Community Board 12, Manhattan
General Meeting - September 27, 2011 – Vivian & Seymour Milstein Family Heart Center
New York Presbyterian Hospital Myrna Daniels Auditorium
173 Ft. Washington Avenue (between W. 165th & W. 168th Streets)

DRAFT

PRESENT

James J. Amodeo	George Fernandez	Carole Mulligan
Anita Barberis	Fe Florimon	Angelo Ortiz
Wayne Benjamin	Nicole Alexandra	Cheryl Pahaham
James Berlin	Foster	P. Palanque-North
Isaiah Obie Bing	Mitchell Glenn	Edith Prentiss
Cynthia Carrion	Leandro Hidalgo	Harlen Pruden
Rolando Cespedes	Ernest David Kach	Zead Ramadan
George Cruz	Yosef Kalinsky	Robert A
Manny De Los Santos	Elizabeth M. Lehmann	Reynolds
William T. Devlin	Richard R. Lewis	Tamara Rivera
Aldemar De Jesus-Diaz	Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter	Gabriella J. Rosa
Michael Diaz	Maria Luna	Steve Simon
George Espinal	Helen Morik	Gloria Vanterpool
		Raybblin Vargas

EXCUSED

Mireya Cruz-Diaz
 Edgard Nau
 Alyce Smith

ABSENT

Richard Allman
 Frank Alvarez
 Leonardo Blackman
 Ariel Ferreira
 Julissa A. Gomez
 Melanie Hidalgo
 Rafael Lugo
 Jose Polanco
 Angela Sanchez

I: Chair's Report- Pamela Palanque-North

Greeting's to community, board members, elected officials and their representatives & guests.

- Opening remarks by Pamela Palanque-North, Chair identified some of the deeply troubling recent spike in crime, specifically with the killing of a resident on Post Avenue, which is still under investigation.
- The Commanding Officers of both the 33rd & 34th Pcts. will have an opportunity to speak specifically to the handling of such incidents later on in the program.
- Chairperson North also spoke to the fact that in her role as Chair she is invited to the Borough Board meetings at which important resolutions are presented and ratified by meeting attendees. One such resolution relates to applications for a Landmark. This resolution request that more time be allotted in the application process so that community boards can have input on these applications. The resolution request that a period of (45) days be allotted for CB comment.
- A resolution requesting the use of automated speed enforcement cameras, was presented at the Borough Board. This resolution is intended to reduce and the number of vehicular homicides that are caused by cars speeding on our streets.
- The City Charter requires Community Boards to establish and submit budget priorities for city agencies annually. Therefore the CB12M is hosting a Budget Hearing on October 18th at the Board office. We are asking all residents, CBO leaders and public officials to attend the meeting and present their budget request to the CB12M membership. This is a required meeting for all CB12M members.
- Chair North ask that Cheryl Pahaham, 2nd Vice Chair briefly review the ranking process with the community later on in the meeting.
- Various community stakeholders will participate in a discussion on The Project Plaza de Americas, at the Board office this month. This meeting is being hosted by DOT but was requested by CB12M for the purpose of gathering more input from the community on the artistry and design of the Plaza.
- Six Families were displaced due to a fire on Post Avenue. The Red Cross intervention provided temporary housing and money to displaced residents.
- The Chair discussed the possibility of a closure and/or merger of a local PO. An information session on this matter will be held at *The Church of the Intercession* this month.
- Introduction of new board member Michael Diaz, (applause). Chairperson North also acknowledged the resignation of the board member Jackie Rowe Adams in June 2011. She announced that Ms. Rowe Adams has been a staunch advocate against gun violence even after the loss of her two sons. The Chair expressed our gratitude for Jackie's continuous hard work as a community advocate and we wish her well and hope that in the future we can give her a proper send off.
- Chairperson North announced that CB12M Committee's are not required to work on any civic matters during the summer. However, she extended a special thanks to those committees who worked tirelessly during the summer completing various projects that required action during the month of July and August.

- Ms. North also acknowledged the high holy days for the Jewish Community and thanked the community at large for coming out.
- It was announced that Spanish translation was available to the audience. The translation services tonight are being sponsored by Councilmember Jackson and the translation equipment that we are using this evening was contributed by Councilmember Rodriguez.

Commanding Officer Brian Mullen NYPD 33rd Pct: reported some stats:

- There were no outstanding incidents at the Highbridge Pool. There were some locker thefts but better monitoring technique will be implemented next summer by relocating the lockers on the outside.
- Numerous concerts; no violence
- Successful playstreet on W. 159th St. this summer
- Traffic accidents hit a spike especially around bicyclist (1)fatally during the summer.
- Year-to-date down in all crime categories
- Stolen vehicles down 75%
- 163rd St. Nicholas Avenue and W. 158th St. Bway Surveillance tour on robbery detail between 5 & 6pm
- Will be addressing truancy issues regularly

Commanding Officer Barry Buzzetti NYPD 34rd Pct reported some stats:

- Robberies up in sector
- Identifying several nasty burglary patterns
- Troubling grand larceny incidents (how to protect your personal property)
- Dominican Day Parade successful this year (no incidents)
- Approx. 15 locations under surveillance (under age youth) drinking alcohol
- Sex crime within the 34th Pct. command by police office is being treated with the highest degree of investigation
- Recent shooting on Post Ave. is being investigated by Internal Affairs and District Attorney's Office
- Commander announced he was glad that there was no civil unrest and the Commander announced the effective process for civil complaints is to access 311 and for emergency calls contact 911, calls are registered in a data base to be followed up on.
- The arrest of a 33rd Precinct Officer for rape in the Inwood area is under investigation and is being handled by the Manhattan District Attorney.

II: District Manager's Report – Ebenezer Smith

- **Street Vendor's Task Force**- On July 21 CB #12, Manhattan had a task force on street vendor. This task force was the result of a collaborative effort with Washington Heights Business Improvement District (WHBID) and the support from all elected officials. The purpose of the task force is to: 1. have a census on street vendors; and 2. recommend possible solutions to problem.
- On Wednesday, September 14 and Saturday, September 17 and 24 members of the taskforce conducted the actual count of the street vendors on the streets of Washington Heights and Inwood. I want to thank Ms. Angelina Ramirez, Director of the WHBID, Dennis Reeder from WHIDC, Michael Mowatt-Winn from the 33rd Precinct Council, Peter Walsh from the Washington Heights Chamber of Commerce, the office of Senator Espallat, Assemblyman Linares and Councilmember Rodriguez for all their help on this taskforce. I want also thank local agencies like Columbia University, New York Presbyterian Hospital, NYPD 33rd and 34th Precincts, DOT, Consumers Affairs and Department of Health for their participation in the Taskforce meeting.
- **Street Activity Report**-This summer we processed around 80 street activity applications. We rejected approximately 10 applications because they did not meet the requirements set by CB #12, Manhattan in our Rules and Regulations for Street Activity. At the District Service Cabinet meeting the 33rd and 34th Precincts reported that there were no incidents in any of the approved applications. There were no reports of illegal street closures this summer.
- **Noise Complaint**- This past summer we received an increase in the noise complaint generated by motorcycles and other environmental annoyances.

- **Illegally Opened Fire Hydrants-** Despite the fact that we had very hot temperatures this past summer, the calls were minimal, the office received approximately 5 calls at the beginning of the summer. With the initiative of the HEAT program implemented by DEP we've had very little interruptions with regard to illegal opening of the fire hydrants. The intervention has help educate our younger population in the dangers of misusing the water.
- **Highbridge Park and Highbridge Pool-** I attended on August 11 ribbon cutting ceremony of the renovated ball field in Highbridge Park the funding for this project \$1,347,000 came from the City Council and the Mayor. Highbridge polls was reported that the pool had the highest attendance in the Borough and they had a non-incident operation this year.
- **Meeting with Director Gil Kerlikowske-** Last week I attended a meeting convening by the Manhattan District Attorney with the Gil Kerlikowske, Director of the Office of the National Drug Control Policy. I had an opportunity to speak with Director Kerlikowske prior to the meeting asked the Director him for more funds for the NYPD 33rd and 34th Pcts. He asked me how my relationship with the Precincts was and I answered that it is excellent and they are doing a good job. However, with limited funds posing a strain on the quality of life in the community, our youth population will be affected where provisions are needed.
- DOT paving the streets in Inwood and Washington Heights they honored my request to pave Broadway from 207 to Bennett Ave. Thanks to the office of C/M Rodriguez and C/m Jackson for their on this request.

III: Announcements

- United States Postal Service meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 6:00 pm to discuss possible closure of the Audubon Station
- Big Apple Rx free prescription discount card available for everyone living, working or visiting New York City. Call 311 for more information
- CB #12 Public Hearing on FY 2013 expense and capital budget on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm at the Board's office
- DEP catch basin initiative, please report it to 311 and on line
- There is Translation Services available from English to Spanish for anyone who needs it.
- 1st Vice Chair George Fernandez welcomed everyone back from hiatus (7:10pm) with no quorum, as Chairperson North had to leave to attend a personal matter. He introduced himself as 1st Vice Chair and informed the group that he would be subbing for the Chair for the remainder of the evening and would be assisted by the Cheryl Parham, 2nd Vice Chair who would be conducting the public session and new business.

Board Members

- We have a quorum and have adopted the Agenda as amended/corrected. June minutes adopted.

IV: Elected Official's Report

Assemblyman Guillermo Linares

- Welcoming the group from the summer hiatus.
- Event July 30, 2011 processed 200 illegal residents, registered for citizenship.
- Number of elected officials organized, 1st meeting commenced with new Commanding Officer August 25th re: shooting on Post Avenue , 2nd Forum Sept 1 re: shooting on Post Avenue very well attended.
- 200 backpack give away for returning students
- Cancer awareness event was organized; 1,000 shirt giveaway
- Assemblyman Linares reported overwhelming support to pass legislation re: Legalizing Livery Industry Car Services, has indicated passing Bill will be documented as a historic piece of legislation.

E. Prentiss commented: concern that piece of Legislation is illegal, Bill does not address wheelchair accessibility

Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez

- Council member Ydanis Rodriguez commented on the great work District Manager Smith is doing

- He reported that Public Safety concerns were raised regarding the killing of John Collado, community resident although Council member could not go into much detail because of further investigation, he reported he is in close communication with the family
- With youth participation he reported on a 200 volunteer cleanup of our streets event
- Councilmember Rodriguez is using this initiative to outreach further with agency's like DOE as a educational component.
- In keeping with this latest cleanup initiative CM Rodriguez's office allotted \$10,000 of their budget to display at bus shelters the importance of keeping the community clean.
- Event involving at least 300 participants at a Highbridge Park Fashion Show was successful, hope to do it again next year.
- A Play is scheduled for November re: Domestic Violence, details on location and time will be announced
- Also implementing a series of classical music concerts in collaboration with the Dept. of Music at City College and one of the local high schools, in addition, the primary and intermediate schools at IS 52 from ages 3-15 will participate in their own music programs as well.
- There is talk of an engineering and science initiative w/Mayor Bloomberg on the table still in the talking stages.
- With regard to Quadriad Realities the consensus of his office is that at least 50% of affordable housing be made available to the constituents of this community.

V: Representatives for Elected Officials

Borough President Scott Stringer's Office –

- Juan Iganacio Rosa reported on an article published in the New York Times by the Borough President Scott Stringers "stop & frisk" targeting Latino & Blacks has met with great controversy. The stigmatization of targeting these groups are overwhelming statistics which makes the cycle of employment for these groups discouraging. These infractions by law are a blemish on their record. An effort by Scott Stringer's office attempts to minimize the difficulties that returning inmates are confronted with.
- Juan announced that Scott Stringer looking into the reforming of how city council's distribution of discretionary funds are being used
- During the summer an English, Spanish and Chinese back-to-school manual was published for the immigrant community.
- A walk-a-thon raising Awareness against Breast Cancer Sunday, September 25, 2011 which the Borough President participated in.
- "Super Sprouts" eating healthier is another initiative for school age children as a further incentive the MPBO will issue food coupons from the farmers market at this event.
- Oct 17, 2011 honoring Hispanic Heritage Month several civic leaders have made valuable contributions.
- Borough President Stringer also concerned with the spike in crime in the Washington Heights/Inwood communities will continue to stay abreast of the investigations along with other elected officials. Congratulation to the 33rd pct. who responded effectively to an horrific incident at 870 Riverside Dr.

At this point 1st vice Chair George Fernandez announced the public session would begin over by Cheryl Pahaham 2nd Vice Chair

VI: Public Speaker's Session

Evelyn Kalka/Quadriad

Henry Wollman/Quadriad –

- presented slide presentation on the Quadriad proposed Tryon Center Development Project reported that their goal is to receive best possible affordable schemes for affordable housing in the community.
- Henry Wollman explained that having two variables of schemes(1) "as of right" and a zoning scheme would be a consideration as the project progresses which simply means that using the R7-2 zoning of the sites allows for a maximum residential density without any conformance to those regulations, in exchange that 30% of the rents would be affordable.
- Q&A **Frank Hess:** what is moderate to affordable rents? Response: Wollman will forward to DM rent scales which is in accordance with the city planning guidelines.
- H. Wollman provided a breakdown under the "new strategy" of affordable apartments Studio(\$533), 1 bedroom(\$733, 2 bedroom(\$967) and 3bedroom(\$1,132). H. Wollman's spoke to receiving public funding for the project.
- It was also stated that councilmember Rodriguez would like for Quadriad to consider on a 50/50 compromise instead of the original 70/30 market rate and affordable housing that was previously on the table

- Q&A **Steve Simon**: No problem with constructing 160 affordable units or more, Steve mentioned this is the first time the group heard of Quadriad seeking public funds. Will this provide some guarantee that rent stabilized apartments will be offered to tenants so when the rents increase they would not be affected?

Minister Gilbert James – United Palace Cathedral

- Invitation to the 44th a home coming anniversary please call(212) 568-6700 for further details
- On October the 5th in collaboration with Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp. a job fair will take place at 4140 Broadway

Paul Rubenfarb –

- totally in opposition to the building of the Quadriad Properties,
- he addressed the LU resolution did not reflect the sentiment of the community
- he asked that a stronger resolution be introduced with no negotiable terms

Gail Adiss

- speaking in support of the resolution
- commends the T&T committee towards their efforts to ensure that the 215th St. Steps project is proceeding along

Michael Jimenez

- His dear friend **John Collado** who was fatally shot and killed by undercover police, stated that the protocol of identifying himself was not revealed.
- He suggested that a family relative was on the scene that had medical background and was told they could not assist John but was put in handcuffs
- The residents of Inwood collectively feel that the charges should be dropped against the family person trying to assist
- Why was family denied access to John once he went to the hospital.

Pat Courtney

- Requesting that Jillian Isham Taylor born Sept. 28, 1912 ask to provide a centennial acknowledging the purchase of Inwood Hill Park, it was stated that most of the Inwood Parkland was donated by her family

Rita Gorman – Northern Manhattan Neighborhood Coalition

- She reported that she collected 356 signatures opposing the building of the Quadriad Project
- Supporting the resolution by the LU, Housing & Human Services and Health & Environment Committees
- Explained that rezoning is the key to these huge building projects

Peggy Morrissey – Northern Manhattan Neighborhood Coalition

- Look into rezoning for Washington/Inwood community
- Community would be impacted with landscape and transportation

Kimberly Kinchen

- Spoke in support to T&T resolution proposed street changes by the DOT on Riverside Drive North of 181st street to convert the street into two-way traffic and add a shared bicycle lane

Charles Callan, community organizer

- Reported on the WEACTION programs environmental friendly issues in place ; solid waste issues, air pollution, traffic studies using cleaner fuel and eating healthier in schools, pamphlets were made available to the community

Ava Farkas

- Living Wage NYC Campaign coalition of faith, union and community groups fighting to preserve NYC wage laws they have a piece of legislation in Albany, reported that our tax payer dollars could be spent offering a minimum wage of \$10 hourly wage plus benefits, will be hosting a Thanksgiving rally Monday, November 21 at 6:30 am at Riverside Church.

Debra Klaber

- Still unclear as to what the Quadriad Project will offer the community

Victor Estevez

- Speaking to the Dragon Restaurant approve the liquor license; offered their establishments for church meetings if needed

Alex Castey-Porter

- Vote in favor of the LU resolution opposing Quadriad Project

Vadim Moldivan

- Support resolution opposing the Quadriad Project

George Espinal

- President of the Precinct Council spoke to the John Collado fatally indicating that no one is allowed to speak on behalf of the precinct council other than himself and assured that the family of the deceased case was being handled in the most sensitive manner by Internal Affairs and the DA's Office. Precinct council hosting a Halloween event (pumpkin giveaway).

Jorge Amparo

- Introducing himself as an architect and engineer to the community as a construction consultant(TurnKey).

Taleigh Smith

- Recognizing the need for Affordable housing and is environmentally conscience against the Quadriad Project

Luis Salla

- Speaking on behalf of the Dragon Lounge, establishment's location is under new management and would like the community to welcome the new owners. It was announced that they are looking to working along with the community.

VII: Committee Reports

Traffic & Transportation – Yosef Kalinsky

- Presentation from the GWB Bus Terminal. Please look at the September Committee minutes for more information. This is the first of many presentations.
- Presentation from the DOT that relates to the two resolutions that are presented today.
 - Resolution supporting the installation of commercial muni-meters alongside the east side of Ft. Washington bet 168th & 165th and the north side of 165th and the south side of 168th St. bet Broadway & Ft. Washington Avenue.
 - Friendly amendments were made
 - Second Resolution supporting the proposed street changes by the DOT on Riverside Drive North of 181st street to convert the street into two-way traffic and add a shared bicycle lane.
 - Friendly amendment to call it the Greenway

- Votes (please view the cart at the end of the minutes).

Parks & Cultural Affairs – Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

- Resolution supporting New York Restoration Project's Sherman Creek Waterfront clean-up (Phase I).
 - This is the purposed project of the clean-up of Harlem-River Waterfront – just North of Swindler's Cove, to restore it/make it available for public use. Funding is \$950k funding from the NYNJ Port Authority.
 - This clean up will permit shoreline stabilization, Vehicular access loop while maintaining green belt access and integrity, Maintain & restore launch (human-powered boats only, e.g., kayaks, canoes, shells).

- Votes (please view the chart at the end of the minutes).

- Sunday, October 2, 2011- Medieval Festival

Economic Development – Nicole Foster, Ariel Ferreira, & George Espinal

- Couple things to keep in mind. The committee always votes no if an establishment doesn't show up; if you disagree please vote the opposite of that.
 1. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to:
Bleu Evolution Bar & Rest.Corp dba Bleu Evolution Bar & Restaurant – 806-808 W. 187th Street, (bet. Pinehurst & Ft. Washington Ave.)
 2. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to:
524 Villa Riva Corp. dba Los Compadres Restaurant – 524 W. 207th Street, (bet.Sherman & Post Aves.)
 3. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to:
La Villita One Mexican Restaurant Corp. – 1455 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of W. 183rd Street.)
 4. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to:

Fort Tryon Café & Grill Inc. – 4026 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 215th St.)

5. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to:
Sanchez & Abreu Enterprises Inc. dba Rageely Restaurant – 84-86 Nagle Avenue, (bet. Ellwood & Sickles St.)
6. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to:
AJE Management Corp. dba El Viejo Jobo – 231 Sherman Avenue, (at the corner of W. 207th St.)
7. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to:
Cabana Salvadorena Restaurant – 4384 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 187th St.)
8. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to:
Jimmy Oro Restaurant Inc. – 711 W. 181st Street, (at the corner of Bennett Ave.)
9. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Tavern Wine License to:
Villa's Lounge Corp. – 132 Audubon Avenue, (at the corner of W. 172nd St.)
- Sell of alcohol to minors and a church across the street.
10. Resolution to recommend the DCA grant a New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to:
La Estufa Inc. dba La Estufa – 5025-5035 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 215th St.)
11. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
International Group Inc. – 4476 Broadway, (bet. Fairview Ave & W. 193rd St)
- No vote because of concern of over-saturation of the area. Police didn't receive a floor plan and can't give a recommendation.
12. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
Outside Looking In Restaurant & Lounge – 2372 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 177th & W. 178th Sts.)
- Not present and the concern of proximity to a church and traffic congestion.
13. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
Aero Lounge NYC LLC. – 3847 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 206th St.)
- Concern of saturation, noise pollution, and traffic congestion.
14. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
Dragon Lounge Restaurant Inc. dba Dragon Lounge – 1091 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of W. 165th St.)
15. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
Rio New York Inc. – 4892 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 204th St.)
16. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
La Cervceria Inc. – 120 Dyckman Street, (bet. Post & Nagle Aves.)
- Concern to add to traffic and over-crowd sidewalks
17. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
El Imperio Cubano Inc. dba El Imperio Cubano Restaurant – 203 Audubon Avenue, (bet. W. 175th & W. 176th Sts.)
18. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to:
Blue Sugar Corp. – 505 A. W. 211th Street, (at the corner of 10th Avenue.)
- Not present. Concern over the proximity to PS 98.

19. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to:
 La Ceniza Restaurant #2 Corp. – 5085 Broadway, (bet. W. 216th & W. 218th Sts.)
 - Not present. Concern over noise pollution.

20. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New Eating Place Beer License to:
 Mirlo Corp. dba That's Amore Pizza – 1246 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 172nd & W. 173rd Sts.)

21. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Club Liquor License to:
 Francy's Fleites & Rafael Checo dba On the 5th Social Club – 551 W. 175th Street, (at the corner of Audubon Avenue.)
 - Noise complaints, proximity to problematic locales, proximity to religious establishments, and number of summons received for violating ABC codes.

- Questions and information brought by board members
- Votes (please view the chart at the end of the minutes).

Land Use – Wayne Benjamin

- Four committees have discussed the Quadriad Realty Partner's Tryon Center Project over seven months. The outreach the Quadriad Realty Partners has done heretofore is before the actually beginning of the ULURPP process. The ULURPP process has not begun, so the clock is not ticking. This resolution is not a vote on whatever re-zoning that's coming out of the ULURPP process. What the developers wanted to do was outreach to the community and the board to get our input. We are formally providing our input and comments to both the developer and agencies of city government that have to review the ULURPP, once it is submitted. It had been anticipated that the ULURPP will be formally submitted next month. Once it submitted, it goes to the Dept. of City Planning and they must certify that the ULURPP application is complete. It can take as long as it wants to. Once City Planning certifies it's complete, then the process begins and it comes back to us formally as an application for us to vote on. After that, we have 60 days to vote on it. All of this is before that process begins.

- In collaboration with **Health & Environment and Housing & Human Services Committees'**
Resolution opposing Quadriad Realty Partners' Tryon Center Project as it is currently proposed for development.

- Votes (please view the chart at the end of the minutes).
- Two sets of Land Use minutes. I refer you to the minutes. We will be working with our planning fellow to begin to look at re-zoning. We look forward to work with our borough president and council-members on that because we will need their financial assistant to make this happen.

Health & Environment – Steve Simon

- Due to time, this committee did not give their report. Please refer to their minutes for information.

Housing & Human Services – George Fernandez

- Due to time, this committee couldn't say their report. Please refer to their minutes for information.

Public Safety – Robert Reynolds

- Due to time, this committee couldn't give their report. Please refer to their minutes for information.

Youth & Education – Fe Florimon

- Due to time, this committee did not give their report. Please refer to their minutes for information.

VIII: Old Business -

- No Old Business.

IX: New Business -

- *No New Business.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Submitted by Deborah Blow and Frances Escano, Reviewed by:

Traffic & Transportation Minutes – October 3rd, 2011

PRESENT:

Committee: Richard Allman, Anita Barberis, Aldemar Diaz, Mitch Glenn, Yosef Kalinsky, Edith Prentiss
Public: Jacob Morris, Charu Kasturi, & 2 residents of 555 Edgecombe Ave; George Goss; Audra Goss.

EXCUSED: Jim Berlin

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

1. Joe Louis lived at 555 Edgecombe Ave and is well remembered by long time Sugar Hill residents.

Joe Louis Place Street Co-Naming Resolution

Whereas: Joseph Louis Barrow (May 13, 1914 – April 12, 1981), better known as Joe Louis, was the world heavyweight boxing champion from 1937 to 1949. He is considered to be one of the greatest heavyweights of all time; and

Whereas: Nicknamed the Brown Bomber, Louis helped elevate boxing from a nadir in popularity in the post-Jack Dempsey era by establishing a reputation as an honest, hardworking fighter at a time when the sport was dominated by gambling interests; and

Whereas: Louis's cultural impact was felt well outside the ring. He is widely regarded as the first African American to achieve the status of a nationwide hero within the United States, and was also a focal point of anti-Nazi sentiment leading up to and during World War II. He also was instrumental in integrating the game of golf, breaking the sport's color barrier in America by appearing under a sponsor's exemption in a PGA event in 1952; and

Whereas: In one of the most widely-quoted tributes to Louis, New York Post sportswriter Jimmy Cannon was known for the following statement (interjecting to another person's characterization of Louis as "a credit to his race"); "Yes, Joe Louis is a credit to his race—the human race"; and

Resolved: A beloved, committed, and shining light of a Gentleman who affected all of our lives, he was also a wonderful neighbor and member of our Community. Therefore we wish to honor his Legacy by CoNaming the location where he lived for many years in Sugar Hill, by resolving to Co-Name the northwest corner of 159th Street between Saint Nicholas & Edgecombe Avenues as, Joe Louis Place

Vote: Committee 6-0-0, Public 4-0-0

2. Old & New Business

- a. Richard Allman reported the M98 bus which provides limited stop weekday rush hour service from Washington Heights (FWA, bus station and across 178 St) to Lexington & 68th St has been running significantly off schedule (at twice the scheduled interval). The route was intended to provide east side access for NJT bus commuters and ended at Lexington & 33 St. Yosef will contact Marcus Book (NYCT) for an explanation of the problem as well as to get answers to the questions Marcus was not able to answer when he last met with the LT< Committee.
- b. Edith Prentiss updated the committee on A.8496/S.5825, bills that would legalize livery street hails.

3. T&T Committee Budget Priorities Rankings FY 2013

FY'12 priority	FY'13 priority		Tracking code
18	1	181 IND station	312200804C
15	2	207 St: 10 th -Seaman Ave	312200704C
22	3	157 IRT station	312200710C
24	4	163 IND station	312200712C
33	5	Bikeway improvement	312200207C
29	6	Seaman Ave: RSD-218 St	312200709C
New	8	181 St Pedestrian bridge to Greenway	New
25	7	Nagle: B'way to W 205 St	312200705C
New	9	L turn onto RSD from northbound Henry Hudson	New

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anita Barbaris & Edith Prentiss

Community Board 12, Manhattan (Traffic & Transportation Committee)
Co-naming the NW corner of W. 159th Street & Edgecombe Avenue as "Joe Louis Place"
October 3, 2011

- Whereas: Joseph Louis Barrow (May 13, 1914 – April 12, 1981), better known as Joe Louis, was the heavyweight boxing world champion from 1937 to 1949, and is considered to be one of the greatest heavyweights of all time; and
- Whereas: Louis was nicknamed "the Brown Bomber," and helped elevate boxing from a nadir in popularity in the post-Jack Dempsey era by establishing a reputation as an honest, hardworking fighter at a time when the sport was dominated by gambling interests; and
- Whereas: Louis also was instrumental in integrating the game of golf, breaking the sport's color barrier in America by appearing under a sponsor's exemption in a PGA event in 1952; and
- Whereas: Louis, whose cultural impact was felt well outside the ring, was widely regarded as the first African-American to achieve the status of a national hero, and also was a focal point of anti-Nazi sentiment leading up to and during World War II; and
- Whereas: New York Post sportswriter Jimmy Cannon famously responded to another person's characterization of Louis as "a credit to his race," "Yes, Joe Louis is a credit to his race—the human race"; and
- Whereas: Joe Louis was not only a sports icon, but a committed and shining light of a gentleman, as well as a beloved neighbor and wonderful member of our community, having lived in Sugar Hill for many years, now therefore, be it
- Resolved: that Community Board 12, Manhattan honor the legacy of Joe Louis by co-naming the northwest corner of 159th Street & Edgecombe Avenue as "Joe Louis Place."

Approved unanimously by the Committee (6 votes) and Public (4 votes).

**Economic Development Meeting
Tuesday, October 4th**

Committee Members Present: Nicole Foster, Edith Prentiss, Rolando Cespedes, George Espinal, Ariel Ferreira, Melanie Hidalgo, Angela Sanchez

Committee Members Absent: Leonardo Blackman, Mireya Cruz, Ruddy Santana

CB12 Members Present: Richard Lewis

CB12 Staff Members Present: Frances Escano

Community Members Present: Karla Fisk; Santiago Quezada; Rafael Rodriguez; Edison Familia; Annette Aguilar; Paul Hemmings; Mirella Santana; Lida Covell; Charice Kasteli; Omara Reyes; Emily Lopez -33rd PCT; Celestino Ramirez; Ramon Reyes; Quemi Familia; Jorge Pearalta; George Maestre; Andrew Lenton; Karin Kiontke; Ramon Calo; Gus Anton; Roberto Garcia; Gloria Pazmino; Ramon Upia.

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks- Nicole Foster, Chair

The meeting started at 7:14 PM

**B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses:
On Premise Liquor License**

1. **4060 Broadway Restaurant Corp dba Aquamarina** (4060-4066 Broadway at the corner of W. 171st Street) - The establishment was represented by the owner Omara Reyes. It is an establishment that serves Italian cuisine. It is open 11 AM to 11 PM weekdays and 11 AM to 12 AM weekends. It has a capacity of 37-40 people. There are 12 tables and seats at the door. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at the front door but not the bathroom. There are 4 security cameras which are all located inside. Music is played by an iPod. There is no objection from the 33rd precinct or the community. **VOTE: EDC 7-0-0 CB12 0-0-0 Public 8-0-0**

2. **Villa Patron Inc** (104 Dyckman Street bet Nagle and Post Avenues) - The establishment was represented by the owner Ms. Garcia and the general manager George Maestre. This is a restaurant/bar that mostly serves bar food. It is open 9 AM to 4 AM five days a week and closed Monday and Tuesday. It has a capacity of 74 people. Here are 20 high top tables and 12 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at the front door and the bathroom. Music is played by an iPod and occasionally there is a DJ. There are 5 cameras with one inside. There are 1-3 security personnel depending on the event. There is no objection from the 34th precinct and the community. **VOTE EDC 6-0-1 CB12 0-0-0 Public 8-0-0**

3. **2148 Tomas Restaurant Corp** (2148 Amsterdam Avenue bet. W. 166th & 167th Streets) - The establishment was represented by Barbara Martinez the manager and Roberto Garcia. It is an establishment that serves Dominican food. It has a capacity for 70 people. There are 10 tables and no seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at the front door and the bathroom. Music is played through a jukebox. There are 6 cameras with one inside. There was no comment from the community. The 33rd objects to the renewal of the license because of 21 criminal court summonses, 4 reported complaints last year and 3 reported complaints as of this year. There is a history of overcrowding and disorderly conduct late night at the establishment. The owner claims to have no knowledge of these complaints. There is also a court order of eviction for the establishment. Cloth is acquiring the building. **VOTE EDC 1-5-1 CB12 0-0-1 Public 3-2-1**

Restaurant Wine License

4. **Nayelin Bar & Restaurant Inc** (101 Sherman Avenue bet. Dyckman & Academy Streets) - The establishment was represented by the owner Mirella Santana. It is a Spanish restaurant. The hours of operation are 7 AM to 12 AM weekdays and 7 AM to 4 AM weekends. There is a capacity of 50 people. There are 7 tables and 5 seats at the bar counter. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at the front door and bathroom. They play music through a jukebox and laptop. There are 4 security cameras all inside and no security personnel. There was no community comment. The 34th precinct does not object to the renewal but asks that the owner be more cognizant of the loudness of music and consider additional soundproofing. **VOTE EDC 6-0-1 CB12 0-0-1 Public 6-0-0**
5. **Venerato Inc dba Garden Café** (4961 Broadway bet. W. 20th & Isham Streets) - The establishment was represented by the owner Gus Anton. It is a family oriented American restaurant that has been open 8 years. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 11 AM to 11 PM and 10 AM to 11 PM Friday and Saturday. There is a capacity for 88 people in the summer and 72 in non-summer months. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at both the front door and the bathroom. Music is played through an iPod. There is live music Friday and Saturday from 7:30 to 10:30 PM and in the summer months until 11 PM. There are 11 security cameras with 9 inside. The 34th precinct supports the renewal. The community expressed support for the establishment saying that the food and service were good and it is a great alternative for having to go downtown. Residents at 101 Cooper expressed concern related to the playing of live music. The state that it negatively affects their quality of life and there are many small children who live in the building who cannot sleep due to the music. The owner reports that he has cut back live music from 4 nights to just 2 nights to accommodate community feedback. **VOTE EDC 7-0-0 CB12 0-0-1 Public 6-0-0**

- 6. Altagracia Marrero dba La Caridad Restaurant #2** (4083 Broadway at the corner of W. 172nd Street) - The establishment was presented by the owner Altagracia Marrero. It serves Dominican food. Its hours of operation are Monday through Wednesday 7 AM to 1 AM and Thursday through Sunday 7 AM to 4 AM. There is a capacity for 40 people. There 14 tables, 41 seats and 7 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at the front door and the bathroom. Music is played through a jukebox. The owner currently does not have a license so she has no security or cameras. It was noted that the previous guard was a convicted felon. There was no community comment. The 33rd precinct objects to the renewal. There are 83 criminal court summonses from inside the establishment. On 8 different occasions customers were served alcohol after hours and one of those occurrences was during an SLA joint operation. Their license was revoked May 10th of this year. There was a near stabbing in the establishment in February 2011 when a knife was pulled on the bartender. **VOTE EDC 0-4-3 CB12 0-1-0 Public 0-0-3**
- 7. Manuel Calo dba Galicia Segundo Restaurant Corp** (4083 Broadway at the corner of W. 172nd Street) - The establishment was represented by the manager Ramon Calo. It is a Hispanic restaurant that has been around for 23 years. It is open Monday through Thursday 7 AM- 12 PM and Friday through Sunday 7 AM to 1 AM. There is a capacity of 52 people. There are 13 tables and 10 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at the front door and the bathroom. Music is played by a radio and there are no security cameras or personnel. There is no objection from the 33rd precinct of the community. **VOTE EDC 7-0-0 CB12 1-0-0 Public 6-0-0**
- 8. Japp Business Inc dba Pick & Eat** (4179 Broadway at the corner of W. 177th Street) - The establishment was represented by the owner Alex Beralta. It is a fresh, natural restaurant/bar. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 10 PM, Friday through Saturday 8 AM to 11 PM and Sundays 9 AM to 9 PM. There is a capacity of 55 people. There are 25 tables and 10 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at the front door and the bathroom. Music is played through an iPod. There are 6 cameras two of which are outside. There are no security personnel. There is no objection from the 33rd precinct and the community. **VOTE EDC 6-0-1 CB12 1-0-0 Public 6-0-0**

9. **207th Street Lina Restaurant Inc** (500 A West 207th Street bet 10th and Post Avenues) - The establishment was represented by Santiago Quezada, the manager. It serves Dominican food. It is open from 6 AM to 1 AM everyday. There is a capacity of 40 people. There are 6 tables and 10 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at the front door and the bathroom. There is a ramp for the front door. Music is played by a jukebox. There are two security cameras all inside. There is no objection from the 34th precinct and the community. **VOTE EDC 7-0-0 CB12 1-0-0 Public 6-0-0**
10. **Beans & Vines** (4842 Broadway bet. Academy & 204th Streets) - The establishment was represented by Quemi Familia and Edison Familia, who are co-owners. It serves international food. Its hours of operation are 10 AM to 11 PM everyday. They have a capacity of 15 people. There are 8 tables and there is no bar with seating, just a take out counter. The front door of the establishment is not wheelchair accessible. They are purchasing a ramp. Music is played through a computer and an iPod. There are no security personnel and 3 cameras inside. There is no objection from the 34th precinct and the community. **VOTE EDC 5-0-2 CB12 0-0-1 Public 6-0-0**
11. **Sanchez & Abreu Enterprises Inc dba Rageely Restaurant** (84-85 Nagle Avenue bet Ellwood & Sickles Streets)- Did not attend **VOTE EDC 0-6-0 CB12 0-1-0 Public 0-0-4**
12. **El Monte Restaurant Corp** (2153 Amsterdam Avenue bet. W 166th and 167th Streets) - The establishment was represented by the owners Iris Pichardo and Andry Carmona. It is a Dominican restaurant. The hours of operation are from 7:30 AM to 12 AM weekdays and 7:30 AM- 2:30 AM on weekends. There is a capacity of 28 people. There are 6 tables and 4 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible through the front door and the bathroom. Music is played from a jukebox. There are 6 cameras all inside. There is no objection from the 33rd precinct or the community. **VOTE EDC 5-0-2 CB12 1-0-0 Public 5-0-1**

C. Department of Taxi & Limousine Commission

13. **Clear Car Service Corp** (908 St Nicholas Avenue at the corner of W. 155th Street) - The establishment is a taxi service that was represented by Quemi Familia. There will ideally be 50 vehicles and they will have a two way radio system as well as. Each car will have a GPS system. The cars will idle at a parking garage on 519 West 161st Street. They currently have 5 spaces there and will add more as they continue to grow. The handicap accessible provider is Aheva. There were concerns regarding the proximity to other car services. However, this establishment has not yet opened. There was objection from CB12 member Richard Lewis, but no other community objection. The 33rd does not object, but will watch to make sure no issues arise. The establishment eventually plans to move their location to the Bronx. **VOTE EDC 5-0-2 CB12 0-1-0 Public 2-0-4**

D. State Liquor Authority New Applications

On Premise Liquor License

- 14. Tacos & Burritos El Primito Corp** (142 Nagle Avenue at the corner of Thayer Street) - The establishment was represented by the co-owners Celestino Ramirez and Ramon Reyes. It is a Mexican restaurant that will be open 7 AM to 12 AM everyday. It has a capacity of 20-25 people. There are 6 tables, 6 seats at the bar and 4 seats at the window. The establishment is wheelchair accessible with ramps at the front door and the bathroom. Music is played through a jukebox. There are four security cameras with one outside. There are no security personnel. There was no objection from the community. The 34th precinct recommends no until they can get in and see the establishment, but currently sees no objection other than the walkthrough. **VOTE EDC 6-0-1 CB12 0-0-1 Public 5-0-0**
- 15. ES Café** (4448 Broadway at the corner of Fairview Avenue)- Did not attend **VOTE EDC 0-4-3 CB12 0-1-0 Public 0-1-4**
- 16. Corp to be determined by Alex Ramos** (186 Dyckman Street at the corner of Vermilyea Avenue)- Did not attend **VOTE EDC 0-4-3 CB12 0-1-0 Public 0-1-3**

Restaurant Wine License

- 17. Puma Pizzeria Restaurant Inc** (3867 10th Avenue at the corner of West 207th Street) - The establishment was represented by the owner Rafael Rodriguez. It is a Spanish restaurant that serves Dominican food and will also be a pizza shop. Its hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 7 AM to 10 PM, Friday and Saturday 7 AM to 11 PM and Sunday 7 AM to 10 PM. There is a capacity of 20 people. There are 5 tables and 3 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible at the front door and the bathroom. Music is played through a jukebox. There are 4 cameras, 3 of which are outside. There are no security personnel. There is no objection from the 34th precinct and the community. **VOTE EDC 6-0-1 CB12 1-0-0 Public 4-0-1**
- 18. 1200 Maldonado Restaurant Corp** (2100 Amsterdam Avenue at the corner of W. 164th Street) - The establishment was represented by the owner Ramon Upia. It is an establishment that sells Mexican food. It will be open from 11 AM to 4 AM everyday. There is a capacity of 24 people. There are 8 tables and no seats at the bar. The owner needs to purchase a ramp for the front door because there is a 2 inch step. Music is played through a jukebox. There are 3 cameras, two of which are inside. They plan to hire security personnel and will use the SLA's recommended list of security providers. There was no community comment. The 33rd objects to the license because the previous establishment had a history of underage drinking and a nuisance abatement. The place was closed 6 months ago. **VOTE EDC 7-0-0 CB12 0-1-0 Public 4-0-1**

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #1
Renewal- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, 4060 Broadway Restaurant Inc dba Aquamarina, located at 4060-4066 Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal on-premises liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about 4060 Broadway Restaurant Inc dba Aquamarina; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On-Premises Liquor License for 4060 Broadway Restaurant Inc dba Aquamarina.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #2
Renewal- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Villa Patron Inc, located at 104 Dyckman Street bet. Dyckman & Academy Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal on-premises liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Villa Patron Inc; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On-Premises Liquor License for Villa Patron Inc.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #3
Renewal- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, 2148 Tomas Restaurant Corp, located at 2148 Amsterdam Avenue bet. W. 166th & W. 167th Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard concerns related

to 21 criminal court summonses, 4 complaints reported last year, 3 complaints as of this year, a history of overcrowding and disorderly conduct late in to the night; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On Premise Liquor License for 2148 Tomas Restaurant Corp.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #4
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Nayelin Bar & Restaurant Inc, located at 101 Sherman Avenue bet. Dyckman & Academy Streets), has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Nayelin Bar & Restaurant Inc; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for Nayelin Bar & Restaurant Inc.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #5
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Venerato Inc dba Garden Café, located at 4961 Broadway bet. W. 207th & Isham Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard some negative comments about Venerato Inc dba Garden Café related to noise when there are live concerts in the outdoor area of the establishment and its affect on the neighboring residential building on 101 Cooper Street; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for Venerato Inc dba Garden Café.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #6
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License**

October 4, 2011

Whereas, Altagracia Marrero dba La Caridad Restaurant #2, located at 2092 Amsterdam Avenue bet. W. 163rd & W. 164th Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard concerns related to nuisance abatements, 83 criminal court summonses inside the establishment, 8 occasions where customers were served alcohol after hours including during a joint SLA operation, and a near stabbing in February 2011 here a knife was pulled on the bartender; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the restaurant wine license for Altagracia Marrero dba La Caridad Restaurant #2.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #7
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Manuel Calo dba Galicia Segundo Restaurant Corp, located at 4083 Broadway at the corner of W. 172nd Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Manuel Calo dba Galicia Segundo Restaurant Corp; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for Manuel Calo dba Galicia Segundo Restaurant Corp.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #8
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Japp Business Inc dba Pick & Eat, located at 4179 Broadway at the corner of W. 177th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Japp Business Inc dba Pick & Eat; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for Japp Business Inc dba Pick & Eat.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #9
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, 207th Street Lina Restaurant Inc, located at 500 A West 207th Street bet 10th and Post Avenues, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about 207th Street Lina Restaurant Inc; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for 207th Street Lina Restaurant Inc.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #10
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Beans & Vines Corp, located at 4842 Broadway bet. Academy & 204th Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Beans & Vines Corp; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for Beans & Vines Corp.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #11
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License**

October 4, 2011

Whereas, Sanchez & Abreu Enterprises Inc dba Rageely Restaurant, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, it is committee protocol to provide a negative vote 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 restaurant wine license for Sanchez & Abreu Enterprises Inc dba Rageely Restaurant.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #12
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, EL Monte Restaurant Corp, located at 2153 Amsterdam Avenue bet W. 166th & W. 167th Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about EL Monte Restaurant Corp; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for EL Monte Restaurant Corp.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #13
New- Taxi & Limousine Commission
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Clear Car Service Corp, located at 908 St. Nicholas Avenue at the corner of W. 155th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new taxi and limousine commission license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Clear Car Service Corp; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the Taxi & Limousine Commission granting a new license for Clear Car Service Corp.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #14
New- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Tacos & Burritos El Primito Corp, located at 142 Nagle Avenue at the corner of Thayer Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on-premises liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Tacos & Burritos El Primito Corp; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new of the On-Premises Liquor License for Tacos & Burritos El Primito Corp.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #15
New- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, ES Café, located at 4448 Broadway at the corner of Fairview Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on-premises liquor license; and

Whereas, it is committee protocol to provide a negative vote 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 ES Cafe.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #16
New- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Corp to be determined by Alex Ramos, located at 186 Dyckman Street at the corner of Vermilyea Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal on-premises liquor license; and

Whereas, it is committee protocol to provide a negative vote 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 Corp to be determined by Alex Ramos.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #17
New- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, Puma Pizzeria Restaurant, located at 3867 10th Avenue at the corner of W. 207th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Puma Pizzeria Restaurant; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new of the Restaurant Wine License for Puma Pizzeria Restaurant.

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution #18
New- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
October 4, 2011**

Whereas, 1200 Maldonado Restaurant Corp, located at 2100 Amsterdam Avenue at the corner of W 164th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 4, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about 1200 Maldonado Restaurant Corp; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new of the Restaurant Wine License for 1200 Maldonado Restaurant Corp.

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – October 6, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon (Chair), James Amodeo, Isaiah Bing, David Kach, Elizabeth Lehmann, Edgard Nau, Raybblin Vargas, Beatrice Hall (Public Member) **ABSENT:** Helen Morik

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT: Fe Florimon

GUESTS: Sam Friedman, NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene; Kathleen Cain, Union Settlement Assn.; Yokarina Duarte, Council Member Rodriguez's office; Martin Collins, Council Member Jackson's office; Harmon Moats, Neurological Institute, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center; Gisselle Mejia, City Harvest; Ines Perez and Lina Zeldovich, Columbia University; C. Borcaya, Hunter College; Luvon Roberson; Alex Rosario, Manhattan Times.

I. Bing, assistant chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. S. Simon, chair, arrived shortly afterwards.

1. **“Putting on the Pounds”** – Kathleen Cain, Public Health Outreach Coordinator, Union Settlement Assn. (a social services agency in East Harlem), gave a Powerpoint presentation focused on sugary drinks, the single biggest contributor to the nation's obesity epidemic. She made the following points:
 - These drinks are one half of our sugar intake: non-diet soda, energy drinks, sweetened iced tea and coffee drinks, fruit drinks, sports drinks, etc.
 - The average person ingests 40 pounds of sugar per year
 - Sugar-sweetened drinks add calories without providing nutrients
 - One 20-ounce bottle of soda has 16 teaspoons of sugar, which is over the recommended daily allowance for adults and children. The best thing is abstinence from sugar.
 - Almost 6 in 10 NYC adults are either overweight or obese. In low-income communities, nearly 7 in 10.
 - Almost 4 in 10 NYC public school children (kindergarten through 8th grade) are overweight or obese.
 - Washington Heights-Inwood is among the worst neighborhoods for obesity: 26.7-44.2% of residents.
 - Obesity contributes to many serious health problems: diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, asthma, infertility, stroke, arthritis, liver disease, cancer, depression.
 - Obesity is the biggest risk factor for diabetes. 1 in 8 adult New Yorkers has diabetes. 3 out of 4 adults with diabetes are overweight or obese. Diabetes causes blindness, amputations and kidney failure.
 - Washington Heights-Inwood is among the second worst neighborhoods for prevalence of diabetes: 20.7-26.6% of our residents have diabetes.
 - Unless we reverse obesity trends, today's children will have a shorter life expectancy than their parents.
 - To cut back on sugar, drink water, seltzer, unsweetened tea, low-fat milk and other low-calorie drinks.
 - Choose drinks with no more than 25 calories per 8 ounces.
 - If you buy fruit juice, make sure it's 100% fruit juice. Serve it in a small glass or dilute with water.
 - Your organization can adopt a Healthy Beverage Policy, which includes:
 - Making sure beverages served at meetings have no more than 25 calories per 8-ounce serving
 - Making cold tap water readily available
 - Educating members, employees and others about the health impact of sugary drinks
 - Petitioning local stores to provide healthy alternatives to sugary drinks

2. **Clean Streets / Adopt-a-Basket campaigns** – Yokarina Duarte, Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez's office, reported on the Clean Streets campaign begun by the Council Member “to get the people in the community to take pride in where they live.” The campaign began with a “very successful” cleanup for 2½ hours on Dyckman Street. Other groups, such as Isabella and Project Exodus, have done similar cleanups. The two Council Members are also working with the Dept. of Sanitation (DSNY) to get stores to “adopt” trash baskets on their corners. The stores tie up trash bags when they are full, leave them to be picked up and put a new bag in the basket. This stops garbage from overflowing onto the streets and helps keep the neighborhood clean. Martin Collins, Council Member Robert Jackson's office, said that they have signed up 24 stores on Dyckman Street & 207th Street in Inwood and now plan to expand their efforts to Washington Heights, probably St. Nicholas Ave. DSNY gives the stores a box with 200 trash bags to start and will deliver more bags when they run out. They plan to call the businesses every 3-4 months to make sure they're still participating. Y. Duarte: Council Member Rodriguez will be doing a public service ad for cable TV urging people to keep the community clean, will be asking religious groups and schools to spread the message and as a last resort will request enforcement.

S. Simon: Next month the committee will be considering a resolution calling upon the City to reduce the number of alternate-side-of-the-street parking days in our district by one day because we have had 90% or better street cleanliness ratings for the past two fiscal years. It is important that we keep the streets clean or the ASP parking day would be restored.

3. **Take Care New York 2012 Health Agenda** – Sam Friedman, Community Liaison, NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, gave a brief overview of the City's major health policy initiative:
- The original Take Care New York agenda was launched in 2004 and set 16 objectives in 10 key areas. Objectives in nine priority areas were met or surpassed.
 - Take Care New York 2012, launched in 2009, set 41 objectives, with 10 core indicators in 10 key areas
 - Renewed focus on reducing health disparities
 - Three-pronged approach: policies; prevention, quality and access; health promotion
 - Stresses non-communicable diseases, which kill more people than communicable diseases
 - **TCNY 2012 Goals:**
 1. Promote Quality Health Care for All
 2. Be Tobacco Free
 3. Promote Physical Activity and Healthy Eating
 4. Be Heart Healthy
 5. Stop the Spread of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections
 6. Recognize and Treat Depression
 7. Reduce Risky Alcohol Use and Drug Dependence
 8. Prevent and Detect Cancer
 9. Raise Healthy Children
 10. Make All Neighborhoods Healthy Places
 - Progress has been achieved in the last two years on Goals #1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9. Goals #5 and 6 suffered setbacks, and the indicator for Goal #10 basically remained the same.
 - Fewer New Yorkers are smoking, with the rate at an all-time low of 15.8% -- a 6.5% decrease since 2007 and 27% decrease since 2002.
 - Premature deaths from major cardiovascular disease declined by 5% since 2007 and nearly 20% since 2002, and the disparity between blacks and whites is narrowing.
 - The number of adults who consume one or more sugar-sweetened beverage daily has decreased by 12%, and the number of adults who are physically active has increased by 6.5%.
 - More adults were tested for HIV infection, in part through special programs in The Bronx and Brooklyn, and fewer people are getting infected with and dying from HIV/AIDS, with a nearly 20% decline in the death rate since 2007.

S. Simon: are there any plans to create a similar testing program in Manhattan? S. Friedman said he would find out.
 - Drug overdose deaths fell for the third year in a row, with a 17% decrease from 2007 to 2009.
 - More than 2,300 providers now use an electronic health record that emphasizes prevention.
 - Life expectancy in NYC is at an all-time high, and overall mortality and infant mortality rates continue to decline.
 - Positive trends for most core indicator targets, surpassed four 2012 goals:
 - HPV vaccination among girls aged 13-17 increased by 104%
 - Decreased disparity between blacks and whites in infant deaths due to SIDS
 - Decreased gap between high- and low-income neighborhood rates of pedestrian injury hospitalizations for children
 - Decreased properties with signs of rats in The Bronx
 - Need to redouble efforts to: Stop the spreads of HIV/STIs, recognize and treat depression and reduce disparities across all priority areas.
 - There are more than 550 Take Care New York partners, including two Bronx community boards. More than 250 have engaged in one or more "Ideas for Action."

After some discussion about the value and importance of the "Take Care New York 2012" Health Agenda, S. Simon proposed a resolution to have CB 12 endorse the agenda and become one of the partners, the first Manhattan community board to do so. It was seconded by J. Amodeo and passed by the following vote:

Committee Members	7-0-0
Public Member	1-0-0
Other Community Board Member	1-0-0
Members of the Public	7-0-1

4. **New York-Presbyterian Hospital Report** – Helen Morik, Vice President – Government & Community Affairs, was unable to attend but submitted the following report regarding NYPH's plans to close some mental health clinics in local schools:

"The four school-based clinics in the intermediate schools in CB 12 and three in CB 10 will remain open as will the clinic in GWHS. The new one at JFK HS will open at the end of the year. The 10 licensed mental health clinics will remain open in the following schools: PS 4,46,48,128,132,145,152,173,187,189. We are investing in a more robust infrastructure in these schools in order to have a viable program going forward.

Mental health services in five schools are slated to close: PS 115,123,133 (all unlicensed); PS 28,153.

The regulatory process for closure is being followed. We are not leaving any patient without a transition plan. We transferred all existing patients to another program or maintained them at NYP until that is possible. There has been no break in care. We will be providing both the parents and school officials with informational letters that also include lists of local community agencies if needed in the future. NYP also has a hospital-based program that has accepted a number of patients and can accept a certain number of referrals in the future."

The Chair reported that he sent Ms. Morik several questions after receiving this report. She promised to get the answers for the next meeting regarding how three of the clinics were unlicensed and how many students are affected by the closings. She said the decision about which clinics to close was based on their usage and that the clinics should remain open through the end of the school year.

5. **Ranking of FY 2012-2013 Budget Priorities** – The committee reviewed its FY 12 expense and capital budget priorities and agreed to keep "Increase funding for the Bureau of Pest Control" as its #1 expense budget priority and "Acquire property and construct EMS base station" as its #1 capital budget priority. The item regarding the school-based health clinics was deleted since the clinics in the CB 12 schools are funded by the state, not the city. The rankings of several of the items were changed. Simon/Vargas moved that the amended list be approved by the committee and forwarded to the full board. Motion was passed by the following vote:

Committee Members	7-0-0
Public Member	1-0-0
Other Community Board Member	1-0-0
Members of the Public	5-0-2

6. **Old Business** – Update on Brownfield Cleanup site, 4566 Broadway: S. Simon reported that he still has not received the report from the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation on the results of the remedial investigation and that he hopes to have it by the next meeting. I. Bing said he received a call from an EPA project engineer who urged him to follow up on possible contamination going to the nearby schools. He said he would give the name of the woman who called him to the chair so he could look into it. S. Simon also reported that Henry Wollman, President/CEO of Quadriad Realty Partners, sought to attend last night's meeting of the Land Use Committee to respond to the resolution against his planned project that had been passed by the board last month. Instead he was asked to respond in writing.
7. **New Business** – Harmon Moats, Coordinator, Stroke and Critical Division, Neurological Institute, discussed a survey being conducted door-to-door "to aid in the improvement of health / community-based services." 2500 people have been interviewed by a five-person bilingual staff. The goal is to conduct 12,000 interviews. He requested help in reaching out to coops and tenants groups to permit his staff to gain access.
8. **Announcements** – R. Vargas: The Healthcare Education Project is holding a clergy and community breakfast regarding the "Patient Protection Affordable Care Act" on Oct. 26 at the Adam C. Powell, Jr. State Office Building. S. Simon concluded the meeting by reading a long list of significant reforms benefitting patients that went into effect one year ago as a result of the new federal law.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Simon, with assistance from Edgard Nau

Health & Environment Committee

October 6, 2011

WHEREAS: The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has established an ambitious and visionary public health agenda, Take Care New York 2012, to improve the health and well-being of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS: Take Care New York 2012 focuses on reducing health disparities and uses a three-pronged approach: instituting pro-health policies; improving prevention, quality and access to health care, and fostering health promotion; and

WHEREAS: Take Care New York 2012 has 10 primary goals, which would have a positive impact on the daily lives of the residents of Washington Heights-Inwood; and

WHEREAS: Progress already has been made in achieving seven of the goals, but much more work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS: DOHMH has invited organizations and agencies throughout the city, including community boards, to become partners in this vitally important effort; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan endorses the Take Care New York 2012 health agenda and commits itself to promote its 10 goals throughout Washington Heights-Inwood with the aim of improving the long-term health of our community's residents.

The above resolution was approved by the following vote:

Committee Members	7-0-0
Public Member	1-0-0
Other Community Board Members	1-0-0
Members of the General Public	7-0-1

Committee for the Concerns for Aging
October 11, 2011

Committee Members Present

Gloria Vanterpool
Edgard Nau
Betty Lehman

Public Members

Norma De Candido
Fern Hertzberg

Guests: Jim Mcniff, Katherine Chen – CCNY.

Meeting convened at 10:15 am by Chairperson Gloria Vanterpool
Warm greeting extended to all and those present introduced themselves

Committee Reports

Edgard Nau - Health & Environment

Reported on YUM Fresh Food Program based at the Isabella Geriatric Center that is available to people who live and work in Northern Manhattan. It's a year round program. It offers seasonal fruits and or vegetables at different prices - small bag \$12

Family size bag @ \$20. For more info or to place an order call 212-342 YUMA-(9866)

Announcement of an OPEN HOUSE on Sept. 17, 2011 at Isabella House for independent senior living Call 212-342-9245

Borough President Advisory

Maria Ortiz-Quizada, Director of Eligibility Information Services-NYC Human Resources Administration discussed the upcoming Changes to Medicaid, particularly on the changes to the Prescription D Plan. These changes to Medicaid were put into effect starting on October 1, 2011 and continue using incrementally through 2014. Information material will be distributed at our next meeting.

Coast Program

Coordinated Older Adult is launched on October 14, 2011. This senior transportation service for Manhattan Community Boards 9, 10, 11, and 12 will assist seniors by escorting mobility impaired senior from their front door to the door of their destination and back again to ensure safe and secure travel. It is eligible for self-directed disabled individuals with mobility, visual or audio impairments over 50 years of age and senior citizens 60 years of age or older. This indeed is a premium for our older residents. For information, call 212 568 5030 or 5031

In preparation for the Public Hearing- October 18 at the Community Board 12 Office, Budget Priorities for our District were discussed and choices were made. At the close of this discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am

Next month's meeting November 13, 2011

**Topic: Home Care
Medicaid and Medicare**

Parks Committee Minutes – October 4, 2011

Committee members present: David Kach, Mitch Glenn, Richard Lewis, Michael Diaz, Zead Ramadan; **Absent:** Liz Ritter, Harlan Pruden. **Also present:** Jennifer Hoppa, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation; Peg Quisenberry; Stephanie Guitard; Leah Holzel; Alex Castex-Porcher; Lida Covell

Assistant Chair David Kach opened the meeting at 7:25pm and welcomed the guests. There was only one agenda item tonight: prioritizing unfunded Parks projects for future budgets. In preparation for the committee's vote on prioritization, Jennifer Hoppa spoke about her primary concerns:

1. Path reconstruction in Fort Tryon Park (partially funded)
2. Highbridge Tower repairs: may get some emergency money from Councilman Rodriguez.
3. Inwood Hill Park Tennis Courts – funded to the tune of \$1.4 million, community requested changes after contractor was selected. Desire to see courts meet USTA standards. After discussion with USTA it was determined that this additional effort would cost \$1.7 million and 30 additional months. Many in the community are willing to forego USTA standards to get courts built now, but this issue remains unresolved. Within the next ten days Jennifer will be meeting with all interested parties to reach a mutually acceptable resolution. As it is funded, the item should be ranked "CS".
4. Wooden bridge connector in Henry Hudson greenway just north of GW Bridge will be closed for repairs for 18 months beginning fall 2012.

Before the Committee began the prioritization of unfunded projects, Ms. Hoppa offered some suggestions for additions to last year's list of still unfunded items. With her input, the Committee chose to add the following new items to the list:

1. Beefed up digital surveillance in the parks
2. Renovation of the various pathways that provide waterfront access from city streets between 165th & 179th Streets.
3. Renovation of path from Haven Avenue & 176th Street to Riverside Park tennis courts.
4. Development of ADA compliant bathroom for Highbridge Park Adventure Playground.
5. Ball field renovations in Inwood Hill Park.
6. Addition of DPR storage containers to the new Boathouse Marsh park adjacent to Baker Field.
7. Repair of Dyckman Farmhouse roof.

Voting then proceeded to determine Parks Committee priorities for unfunded projects for next budget cycle:

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| 1. Repair Highbridge water tower (stairs, pointing, windows, carillon) | 11. Renovate Inwood Hill Park Bathroom for ADA compliance |
| 2. Reconstruct Paths Inwood Hill & Ft. Tryon Parks | 12. Reconstruct Ft. Washington Park ball fields & comfort station per PlaNYC |
| 3. Pathways to waterfront 165th-179th Streets | 13. Enhanced digital surveillance in parks |
| 4. Renovate Javits Playground in Ft. Tryon Park | 14. Ft. Washington Park 165th St Dog Run lighting, drinking fountain |
| 5. Sherman creek waterfront cleanup Phase II | 15. Reconstruct Gorman Park |
| 6. Renovate Inwood Hill Park Nature Center bathrooms for exterior access | 16. Bennett Park renovations Phase II |
| 7. Ball field Renovations Inwood Hill Park | 17. ADA compliant bathroom for Highbridge Park Adventure Playground |
| 8. Boathouse Marsh storage containers | 18. Hispanic Society Renovations |
| 9. Dyckman Farmhouse roof repairs | |
| 10. Path from 176th & Haven to Ft. Wash Park tennis courts | |

Items which received a "CS" ("continuing support") should continue to do so. The water truck item should be removed.

The proposed project regarding EDC's plan for a waterfront esplanade/*Malecón* was removed from the rankings, to be referred to the Economic Development Committee for inclusion in the ranking exercise at the public hearing on October 18th.

There were no changes to the FY'12 expense priority rankings, which remain as follows:

1. Fund additional Parks Enforcement Personnel
2. Fund additional staff for Sanitation, Maintenance & Operations, Horticulture, and Street Tree Pruning
3. Increase funding for after school programs at J. Hood Wright, Highbridge & Inwood Parks

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mitch Glenn.

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES - MINUTES
October 6, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

George Fernandez, Chair
Melanie Hidalgo
Gabriela Rosa

Public Member:

Staff member: Frances Escano's

Guests: Yvonne Stenant, The Community League of the Heights, Inc

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Carol Mulligan
Mireya Cruz Díaz

Anthony Parsons

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED

Alyce Smith

Meeting convened at 7:10 pm by Chair, George, Fernandez, III,

George Fernandez, chair of HHS began meeting by welcoming everyone to the monthly meeting. Chair went on to explain that the purpose of this months meetings was to hear from our local community base organization who provide serve to the residents with in CB12M He went on to mention that he invited 10 agencies to attend, so they could way in on the budget process as per city charter. Chair went on to explain that the committee would be finalizing their committee ranking for the fiscal year 2012 during meeting.

The following agencies were invited to attend budget rankings for fiscal year 2012

Washington Heights Corner Project

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Youth Services Program Director

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Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights

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Washington Heights-Inwood Coalition

652 West 187th Street

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Isabella geriatric center

515 Audubon Avenue

New York, NY 10040

Main phone: (212) 342-9200

Yvonne Stenant, *Executive Director* of the Community Leagues of the Heights presented spoke her agency its services

The Community League of the Heights, Inc. (CLOTH) is a multi-service community development corporation in southern Washington Heights. For over 50 years Community League of the Heights has offered a wide range of programs.

- Affordable housing for more than 500 families, with an additional 141 units in production. CLOTH is the largest not for profit provider of affordable housing in Washington Heights.

- Educational programs, including daily after-school sessions for 75 children. The Heiskell Technology Center which provides computer classes, HHA course, ESL, free Internet access and career-development tutorials; and, the Community Health Academy of the Heights, a New Visions/New Century small school in partnership with New York Presbyterian Hospital and the

Columbia Medical Center. The school provides a rigorous education experience for children grades 6 through 12.

Update on 552 Academy

- o Cloth was awarded tax credits in the amount of 19 million dollars and the process should be completed by the second week in November, than they will begin the renovations of 552 Academy. Once construction is completed there will be a community center on the first 1st floor 75 units of affordable housing.
- o No other agencies arrived to speak about their services and budget needs

Committee Rankings for fiscal year 2012

Expense

- 1- Provide continued funding for Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation and Washington Heights Inwood Coalition; which provide legal services for tenants in CB12M
- 2- Continued funding for the love kitchen and Community league of the heights food pantry program
- 4- Provide funding for the preservation of NYC owned affordable housing units? Building in CB12M
- 5- Provide continued funding for creation of slots in Community Leaguer of the Heights Allied Health
- 6- Provide continued funding for Washington Heights Corner Project Harm Reduction Program
- 7- Provide funding for the hiring of HPD code enforcement officers
- 8- Provide continued funding for Washington Heights Inwood Coalition for its fathers program Center Career high school internship

New Item

- 3- **Provide** funding for local community base organizations that provide mental health services in CB12M

Capital

2. Provide Funding for the development of Daycare Center with in CB12M
1. Provide funding for the construction of Affordable Housing to persons at or below New York City poverty guideline.

Chair Update

- Chair went on to talk about HHS agenda moving forward and discussed with committee the idea about a collaborative effort to produce a community resource event in order to update the community about local resources for the residents of CB12M.
- HHS was not able to meet on 10-1-2011 to distribute HHS survey due to weather; will revisit the best approach in November's meeting.
- Chair spoke about inviting NYC building to talk about the building in CB12M that have been given emergency declaration status.
- Informed members that for the month of November we will be inviting a local CBO to discuss immigration rights and services as well as having a representative of the WICER community survey a Ms. Leigh Quarles MPH from Columbia University Medical Center.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9: 35 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

George Fernandez, Chair
Housing and Human Services
CB12 Manhattan

Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2011

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Leandro Hidalgo

Board Members Present

Public Member

Vivian Ducat

Guests: Kate Wood-CECPP, Caroline Massa-Columbia University Intern, Gail Addiss, Rita Gorman, Erika Lindsey-Manhattan Borough President's Office

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.
2. Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin welcomed committee members and guests. He stated that Edwin Marshall of the Department of City Planning ("DCP") will attend the November meeting of the Land Use Committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") to provide an overview of rezoning actions that have been undertaken in Upper Manhattan. He also introduced Caroline Massa, the Planning Fellow provided through the Office of the Manhattan Borough President who will be working with the Committee on a rezoning study focused on identifying which contextual zoning districts would be appropriate for Washington Heights and Inwood. Caroline is a graduate student at Columbia University's School of Architecture and is from Syracuse. She stated that she wants to walk the community to get to know it and its physical characteristics better.
3. Chair Benjamin provided an update on the resolution passed by the Committee at its September meeting concerning Quadriad's Tryon Center project. He stated that subsequent to Land Use passing the resolution opposing the Tryon Center project as it is currently proposed, the Housing and Human Services and the Health and Environment committees reviewed and adopted the resolution with friendly amendments added and that the modified resolution, presented to the full board by the three committees, was unanimously adopted by the Board. He also stated that earlier this week Quadriad's Henry Wollman contacted the community board office and requested to be put on the agenda for tonight's Land Use meeting to respond to the points contained in the resolution. After consulting with the Board Chair it was decided that Quadriad should first respond in writing. Wayne also stated that, per his discussion with Edwin Marshall, DCP has a number of questions with regard to the specific zoning actions Quadriad intends to request in order to advance its new strategy development and, now that Community Board 12-Manhattan ("CB12M") has formally issued comment on the proposed project via the aforementioned resolution, it seems an appropriate time DCP to take the lead and pursue its questions.
4. Kate Wood made a presentation on behalf of Citizens Emergency Committee to Preserve Preservation ("CECPP"). Ms. Wood is the Executive Director of Landmark West and is a resident of Washington Heights. Ms. Wood stated that CECPP was founded five years ago, she is a founding member and that CECPP is not another group that advocates for the designation of

particular buildings or historic districts but rather it serves as a watch dog of the preservation process. She also stated that NYC's landmark preservation law was not created to protect every building or any particular building; it was enacted to create a process for considering historic designation.

Ms. Wood further stated that under the Giuliani Administration the process used by the Landmark Preservation Commission ("LPC") for considering historic designation was weakened and made less transparent and less democratic, and that LPC was starved of resources. LPC's refusal to even allow a hearing to consider the merits of historic designation of 2 Columbus Circle, now the Museum of Art and Design, was the catalyst for the creation of CECPP.

Ms. Wood stated that the goals of CECPP are to establish LPC's independence from the Mayor, ensure fairness and transparency in the process used to consider historic designation and to secure appropriate resources for LPC. She also stated that this is just an introductory meeting and that she looks forward to working with the Committee and obtaining its support as CECPP moves forward with its work.

Community resident Gail Addis invited Ms. Wood and all present to attend an Isham Park tour to be held on either October 29th or 30th. In 2010 Ms. Addis and other community residents made a presentation to the Committee regarding the possibility of historic designation of Isham Park.

5. Chair Benjamin summarized a letter that CB12-M received from City Councilman Daniel J. Halloran, III concerning two bills, Intros 650 and 651, he introduced that are designed to strengthen the role of the Community Board in the Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") variance process. The letter indicates that BSA often ignores the will of community boards and grants variances contract to community support. It also states that variances, which typically have 5, 19 or 20-year terms are often allowed to expire, resulting in a property operating illegally. Intro 650 would require BSA to notify property owners six months before an existing variance expires in order to provide the owners with notice, allow time to begin paperwork needed to file for a new variance and avoid fines. Intro 651 would allow the Community Board and the Borough Board to appeal a BSA decision to the City Council; presently BSA is the final decision maker on variance applications. The Committee agreed to invite Councilman Halloran or a staffer to the November Land Use meeting to provide more information on Intros 650 and 651 and also to request comments from Councilmen Jackson and Rodriguez on the two bills.

6. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne A. Benjamin

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, October 5th 2011 (held at-CB#12 Offices - 711 West 168th Street).
Meeting convened at 7:15pm and concluded at 9:45pm.

Attendees:

Committee Members (3): Angelo Ortiz, (Assistant Committee Chair), George Cruz, Richard Lewis.

Community Board #12 Members (1): George Espinal.

Absentees (5): Frank Alvarez, Michael Diaz, William T. Devlin, Dr. Michel Mowatt-Wynn (Public Member), Carole Mulligan,

Excused Absentees (1): Robert Reynolds, Committee Chair

Invited Guests/Public Officials (3): Captain Brian M. Mullen (Commanding Officer NYPD 33rd Precinct), Captain Ben Graham (Executive Officer – 33rd Precinct), Joselinne Minaya (Community Affairs – Manhattan District Attorney Office),

Public Walk-ins (2): Elizabeth Foster, Luz Bermudez.

Staff: Frances Escano.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Assistant Committee Chair, Angelo Ortiz who presented the evening's agenda, asked everyone present to introduce themselves and their affiliations if any, and requested all attendees to sign in. As is customary updates and reports from law enforcement officials present from both NYPD precincts and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office will be given first. **Note:** Captain Barry Buzzetti (Commanding Officer NYPD 34th Precinct) was on a sensitive NYPD assignment and could not be present. COMPSTATS for both precincts are given below. There was no quorum present at the meeting, no resolutions were passed, but committee recommendations on FY 2013 budget were compiled, ranked, and later submitted to the Board for its public session meeting.

Updates from the 33rd Precinct.

Captain Brian M. Mullen, Commanding Officer - **NYPD 33rd Precinct** began his presentation by introducing his new executive officer, Captain Ben Graham. The committee welcomed him and wished him well and for a long tenure in the precinct.

Captain Mullen indicated that things are going good in the precinct's jurisdiction. Overall crime is down some 26 % year to date and 18% for the past month. In the case of robberies there was Only 12 per month compared to 22 last year. As for burglaries they are up slightly with 14 this month from 12 last month. This increase was accounted for as a result of two burglaries in the Fort Washington Avenue area (Buildings located at 136 and 200 FWA). He indicated that break-ins are occurring from open windows on fire escapes. He stated that a main cause of this specific problem were sheds and scaffolding that has either been abandoned, not in use or where building construction/renovation has been prolonged. He mentioned that drug dealers, burglars, and others hang out under these structures. He wanted the community board to get the word out about these structures and the need for their prompt removal when construction/renovation is completed or other remedies where construction/renovation is prolonged. Refer to the **Q&A section** of these minutes for the detailed discussion that followed this issue.

Grand Larceny – there were only three stolen cars vs eight last year. These incidents occurred in different areas of the precinct and arrests have been made of a known group of "c bad guys" where heavy bail has been set. There has been no violent crime, but there was a type of drive by shooting at West 160th Street and Broadway. This incident involved a group from New Jersey and there were two shooting victims. This case is being actively

investigated. Shootings are about even from last year eight vs nine, but well below the historic average of eighteen per year for this precinct.

He reported a gun arrest at the lower end of the district from an individual who lived in the 25th precinct and who travelled to our area. He stated that he intended to have the precinct keep the pressure on the lower end as a means to forestall any significant spike in crime.

Although there were no sexual assaults in the 33rd precinct for this time period, there was a case of sexual misconduct. A male perpetrator was witnessed to have been harassing a female and exposing himself.

He reported that a truant officer has been added to his staff and that operation is in constant contact with schools throughout the district.

On quality of life complaints he reports that their number and type are the same as last year. He mentioned that the precinct routinely checks the public parks in the neighborhood and homeless encampments have been taken down. He mentioned that they have nuisance abated several restaurants, e.g., La Cariadad on Amsterdam Avenue and opposed any recommendation for a liquor license for this establishment at the last meeting of the CB#12 Economic Development Committee. The committee concurred and voted down any approval or renewal of the liquor license. This establishment had numerous fights, stabbings, underage drinking, etc. They have since re-opened without a license. There was also another so called "restaurant" in the precinct that was issued summons for serving liquor to over 200 people after 4AM.

On the subject of budget priorities for FY 2013 Captain Mullen indicated that there was a need for more unmarked police vehicles, decibel noise meters and a renovation of the precinct's building exterior and perimeter lighting systems, particularly in the parking lot where replacement lights are hard to find as well as expensive. He supported funding for COP (despite the lack of one in his precinct), the Precinct Council, uniforms for the Explorers, and increase staffing for the precinct. He indicated that they were satisfied with the number of mechanical bikes they had at present.

Captain Mullen indicated he has about 160 officers on staff and some 30 supervisory personal in his precinct. There are some 50 Auxiliary Patrol persons assigned to the command and they have a new vehicle.

Updates from the 34th Precinct Council.

George Espinal, in his role as President to the 34th Precinct Council presented his report. They are currently sponsoring the creation of a Civilian Observation Patrol (COP). The goal of this organization is to become another extension of the eyes and ears of community policing, especially in the large parklands of our district. Volunteers will be trained by the NYPD and undergo thorough police background checks. There is no government funding and some private donations have been forthcoming, e.g., bikes. Secure storage space for all this equipment outside the precinct is also sought. They will patrol areas assigned by the precinct command. Their only goal will be to observe and report; not to get involved in any direct or physical encounters. The Guardian Angels are now the only community patrols in this area until this new COP organization is operational.

Mr. Espinal also discussed that the initiative to bring self defense classes to females was well underway. Asked about what funding priorities he felt were needed for the 34th precinct for FY2013, Mr. Espinal stated that they needed Mobile Command Center vans, ATV's or gators (like the 66th Precinct uses for Central Park) and he supported some government funding for the COP. He indicated he would confer with the 34th precinct commander for additional recommendations on more budgetary items.

CompStat

Report Covering the Week 9/26/2011 Through 10/2/2011

	Crime Complaints											
	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			10 Year (2001)	18 Year (1993)	
	2011	2010	% Chg	2011	2010	% Chg	2011	2010	% Chg			
Murder	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	5	4	25.0	66.7	-16.7	***,*
Rape	0	1	-100.0	2	3	-33.3	23	13	76.9	91.7	76.9	***,*
Robbery	2	9	-77.8	12	22	-45.5	173	177	-2.3	5.5	-15.6	***,*
Fel. Assault	4	5	-20.0	16	15	6.7	140	139	0.7	-0.7	-41.9	***,*
Burglary	9	5	80.0	14	12	16.7	98	81	21.0	34.2	-32.4	***,*
Gr. Larceny	5	8	-37.5	18	19	-5.3	173	199	-13.1	1.2	12.3	***,*
G.L.A.	2	1	100.0	3	8	-62.5	44	54	-18.5	-13.7	-69.4	***,*
TOTAL	22	30	-26.67	65	80	-18.75	656	667	-1.69	6.67	-27.75	***,*
Petit Larceny	9	15	-40.0	50	65	-23.1	399	450	-11.3	-2.7	***,*	***,*
Misd. Assault	10	4	150.0	32	31	3.2	356	365	-2.5	6.0	***,*	***,*
Misd. Sex Crimes	2	0	***,*	3	1	200.0	11	20	-45.0	-45.0	***,*	***,*

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Rape	0	1	-100.0	1	1	0.0	16	13	23.1	23.1	-30.4	-77.5
Robbery	5	2	150.0	22	22	0.0	207	202	2.5	10.1	-14.1	-81.5
Fel. Assault	4	8	-50.0	23	19	21.1	186	165	12.7	23.2	-8.8	-74.8
Burglary	4	2	100.0	11	22	-50.0	200	135	48.1	10.5	-32.0	-87.8
Gr. Larceny	4	11	-63.6	38	30	26.7	299	268	11.6	7.6	32.9	-70.0
G.L.A.	0	3	-100.0	4	6	-33.3	75	65	15.4	-26.5	-70.7	-95.1
TOTAL	17	27	-37.04	99	100	-1.00	650	650	16.47	8.32	-20.80	-83.85
Petit Larceny	12	13	-7.7	50	43	16.3	476	460	1.7	-17.6	***,*	***,*
Misd. Assault	12	6	100.0	41	46	-10.9	353	420	-16.0	-8.3	***,*	***,*
Misd. Sex Crimes	1	0	***,*	1	1	0.0	19	19	0.0	5.6	***,*	***,*

For more information the full text of the current COMPSTAT reports can be found at:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/downloads/pdf/crime_statistics/cs033pct.pdf and
http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/downloads/pdf/crime_statistics/cs034pct.pdf

Updates from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

Joselinne Minaya, Community Affairs - Manhattan DA's Office began her report by outlining the quality of life categories she tracks for Manhattan CB#12. These eight categories' are different from the COMPSTAT numbers given above: They are Trespass, Drugs, Marijuana, Robberies, Grand Larceny, Domestic Violence, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon. She is now tracking Burglaries as a new category. The results are the cases that came to their offices in September from and from the combined arrests of the 33rd and 34th Precincts.

Total Arrests Made	283
Pending Cases	180
(Felonies)	67
(Misdemeanors)	113
Indictments	11
Bench Warranted	1

Sentenced	58
In Jail	24
Community Service	16
In Treatment Program	2
Narcotics Convictions	0

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Some of this increase can be accounted as a result of new domestic violence laws. (one related to reclassifications of misdemeanors and other two related to reclassifications of felonies). Both changes are related to the degree of victim strangulations. Airway obstruction is a misdemeanor and first and second degree strangulation is a felony. The DA Office wants even more aggressive and stronger paths in the aggravated domestic violence laws. One path would involve the frequency of misdemeanors, for example two misdemeanors in a five year period would constitute a felony. The DA Office is also advocating for a Domestic Violence Center to be located in Manhattan as is the case in other boroughs. This center would put all services for victims under one roof and lessen traveling from district to district to obtain order of protections, counseling, address trauma, family shelter assistance, etc.

UNIDOS Coalition and studies on Correlations with Youth Crime, Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

Angelo Ortiz, acting in his capacity of Program director of **UNIDOS Coalition** presented a news article about research on "Liquor Store Density Linked to Youth Homicides". from Science Daily. See <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/09/110907163912.htm>. He indicated that UNIDOS Coalition was compiling data for WAHI on the number of NYS Liquor Licenses given, their saturation, density or location and youthful offender crime stats. He felt this was a much needed study for crime prevention and other needs and problems related to the youths in our districts. He indicated that there were some 450 licensed retailers in the district. Captain Mullen invited Mr. Ortiz, Mr. George Cruz (Addition Initiatives), and/or their organizations to address his officers at a roll call in the 33rd precinct about these matters.

Committee and Attendee Q&A.

During each of the previous presentation several questions and discussions developed. On the matter of crime prevention and the removal of unused sheds and scaffolding Captain Mullen want CB12's District Manager to get in touch with the Department of Buildings and "Leah Davidson (*N.B. – this is an unknown and unconfirmed resource.*)" and produce a complete list of these structures in the district and the permits involved. This matter also could be brought up at CB#12 District Service meetings. Although the precinct has its own construction site inspectors a complete and updated list would be helpful. He mentioned a few structures where there was no apparent activity: West 176 and West 177th Streets, Riverside Drive, West 157th and West 160th Streets. A discussion followed and the point was made that similar problems have occurred in the 34th precinct and the solution was to contact the contractors and HPD and the structures were quickly dismantled.

Daily, dangerous, and noisy motorcycle runs were reported by an attendee at the district's lower end along West 155th to West 161st Street along St. Nicholas Avenue after 3pm and later hours of the evening.

One of the public attendees wanted to know why CB#12 Economic Development Committee (EDC) was "so lenient" in approving NYS Liquor Authority License applications. The claim was made that these businesses are not growing, but "dividing the community" and the committee and the board should be doing things that have a real impact on economic development. This claim prompted a lengthy and renewed discussion on quality of life issues in the district.

First, a rejoinder was made that there had been some progress on this matter and the EDC had in fact not recommended or rejected a significantly large number of liquor licenses in its last two meetings. This was particularly the case where there was strong opposition voiced at their meetings from both the NYPD and the community.

Another complaint was made by a public attendee over the heavy livery cars and limousines invasion that “were taking over the streets at West 181st Street”. The specific locations cited were from Fort Washington Avenue to Cabrini Boulevard. The nature of the complaint was there was excessive and loud noise from vehicle horn blowing, crowd noise from pickups, and rude and belligerent drivers. This occurs at early morning hours (between 4am - 5:30am and on a daily basis, despite the issuance of summonses. The complainant wanted more and better enforcement. The same complainant stated that thugs or drug dealers had invaded a small vest pocket playground located between West 180 and West 181 Street and Cabrini Boulevard. This has prevented women and children from using the benches, tables and other playground resources.

Committee’s Recommended FY2013 Budget Priorities.

The final item on the agenda was to consider budget requests presented to the committee and rank all capital and expense budget priorities for FY2013 as the Public Safety Committee Recommendations. The committee took last year’s capital and expense recommendations and combined them with new ones per discussions with participants at this meeting. A duplication of the Health Committee’s item on EMS Base Station was removed.

Capital Budget (6 Items)

Priority/Ranking	Request/Recommendation
1.	Purchase cars, bicycles (motorized and mechanical), vans, and All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) for the 33rd and 34th Precincts. Explanation: Parks areas are in need of the latter vehicle due to the variable parkland terrain and lack of asphalt or paved paths for vehicular traffic to aid crime prevention and criminal apprehension.
2.	Digital Video Interactive Surveillance System for the 33rd and 34th Precincts. Explanation: Purchase and Deploy Interactive Live CCTV surveillance in strategic crime hotspots and or modernized those already deployed with the appropriate cabling, connectivity, communication infrastructure and precinct monitoring stations and a citywide existing counterterrorism system. Our local parks with their complexed and ill-defined boundaries are difficult to police or determine what crime or park rue violations are occurring. Such a system can significantly aid in the reduction of heavy man hours of police presence and ongoing NYC reduction in workforce and budgets. This need is further amplified by a significant increase in crime and attacks on women in our community board district.
3.	Modernization of building exteriors with perimeter lighting for the 33rd and 34th Precincts. Replacement of the current telephone system for the 34th precinct. Explanation: The 33 rd and 34 th Precinct’s perimeter lighting on buildings is inadequate and failing. The telephone system fails to direct callers to the appropriate office and there is excessive cross talk and dropped calls.
4.	Purchase of emergency generators for the remaining firehouses located in CB12M. Explanation: There are no emergency generators for each of these firehouses.
5.	Full restoration of the Engine 67 firehouse on West 170th Street Explanation: The building is falling apart, in need of major repairs, and presents an eminent public safety hazard.
6.	Purchase Decibel Level Noise Meters for the 33rd and 34th Precincts.

Expense Budget (4 Items)

Priority/Ranking	Request/Recommendation
1.	Increase the number of Police Officers at the 33rd and 34th Precincts. Explanation: The 33 rd and 34 th precincts serve the most heavily populated Manhattan community, Washington Heights-Inwood. Both precincts are severely understaffed. Most officers are needed in every area, especially narcotics and CPOP
2.	Funding for the new Civillian Observation Patrols in our district (Primarily in the 34th Precinct’s jurisdiction). Explanation: These voluntary and limited patrols will require funding to operate. This includes limited funds for office support, bicycles, training, and communications. These patrols presence serve as an extension of the eyes and ears in the community in areas where there are none and added safety. They have become essential as this community board district has witnessed an increase in crime and a severe reduction in police workforce and presence.
3.	Funding for the 33rd and 34th Precinct Council Committees Explanation: There is a need for better community engagement related to crime and policing problems in each precinct. Many residents are reluctant to come forward on police matters and these council committees desperately need funding for an outreach program and a proactive approach to distribute important information for all district services that affect public safety and the justice system.
4.	Restore funding to increase the number of Fire Safety Inspectors. Explanation: Fire Safety Inspectors are in great need within the district for fire prevention training and education

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Lewis

The Youth and Education Committee
Monday, Oct 3, 2011
711 West 168th Street, New York, New York 10032

Meeting Location: 701 West 168th Street, Room 312 New York, New York 10032

Committee Members: Fe Florimon, Chair; Raybblin Vargas, Assist. Maria De Los Santos; Chair; Gabriela Rosa; Ángelo Ortiz; Pastor William Devlin

Excused: Alyce Smith; Leonardo Blackman

Absent: Manny De Los Santos

Staff Member: Frances Escaño

Visitors: Al Kurland; K. Sammuels, MD; Conie Mc Neil; Dennise E. Hykes; Yona Tombari; Gisselle Mejia; Roberto De La Rosa; Charus Kastor

Meeting called to order on 03 October 2011 at: 7:10pm

The Chair Fe Florimon welcomed and thanked everybody for attending the meeting and introduced each member of the committee. Next, Ms. Florimon discussed the current agenda and proceeded with the introduction of each items on agenda on the following manners:

Presenter: *Francine Streich*, Manhattan Community Liaison on behalf of United Federation of Teachers (UFT) initiated presentation with a brief career's background as follow:

- A Manhattan Community Organizer for 30 years.
- Provided service for 28,000 home day care providers.
- Mrs. Streich is new in the Community of Washington Heights and started for all Manhattan in May 2011.

UFT's Community Programs and coming events:

- UFT supports programs for parents/students (i.e. "Dial- A- Teacher"), available in 7 Languages to assist parents and students with homework. The programs also provide workshops for elementary school.
- Albert Shanker College Scholarship Fund of the United Federation of Teaches is another program opens all to High Schools and offers one million dollars scholarship for high school seniors.

UFT has a strong health/safety program to empower parents to advocate for safety health conditions for the students in schools (i.e. fought against the 51 Bronx and 51 Manhattan schools to remove PCB's from building). The program seeks to work with schools to develop "School Safety Plan"

Coming event:

- December 3, 2011 @8:30am-2:30pm Manhattan, UFT Borough-wide will hold a Parent Conference. All are welcome, however, registration is encouraged.
- Event on Oct 20, 2011 @ 9:00am, Inwood Public Library-Auditorium- 4790 Broadway- (Close to Dyckman Street). Workshop will revolve on the "Education Budget Cut Fight, and Understanding School Budgets." All are welcome.
- Press Conference on the subject of "**Millionaires for Millionaires Tax**" will be held on October 1 at 59th Street and 5th Ave @ 11:00am. Everyone is welcome.

Presenter: *Angelo Ortiz*, Unit Director and Coalition Coordinator, on behalf of UNIDOS Coalition/Inwood Community Services, Inc. Stated that:

- Underage Drinking is a focused program the organization is working diligent to alleviate the problem that is ramping in the community.
- Surveying the community is one of the strategies the organization is presently conducting
- "Prevention First-NY! Community Survey" is four pages survey, which takes about 10-15 minutes to be completed.
- In-school survey is pending for approval by the Department of Education (DOE)
- In 2008 "Youth Development Survey" was conducted by the NYS and now is being conducted by UNIDOS Coalition.
- Mr. Ortiz (Presenter) encouraged participants to spread the word about the Community Survey on Underage Drinking and to joining the organization's focus group.

Inwood/Washington Heights announced that Manhattan Bible Church will held an event on Thursday, October 12 @10:00am

- Location 401 West 205 Street, New York, NY 10034
- The organization is planning to speak to about political leadership in uniting for possible revert of zip codes and other community needs.

Old/New Business

- Committee follows up on prior discussion about additional meeting proposal to increase attendance.
- Logic Model (LG) proposal was discussed referring to the approval of both Committees Y&E and Executive Committee
- All committee members in attendance, including public members were in favor of the proposed model.
- Ms. Florimon suggested that member's participation is absolutely optional.

- Meeting objective is to increase attendance of parents and youths, in particular those who cannot attend during weekdays, and listen their educational concerns.
- Meeting was proposed to be held the first or last Saturday of every month.

Budget discussion FY2012-2013

- The committee discussed in details budget's items
- Suggestions and priorities were given to educational and related items pertaining to Capital and Expense Budget Priorities of FY2012-2013 at the committee's discretion.
- Ms. Fe Florimon stated that an assessment of the proposed budget priorities will be prepared and submitted for the consideration of the CB12M.

Remarks: Ms. Florimon ended the meeting by thanking all attendees and encouraged them to continue participating and supporting the Youth and Education Committee's Meetings.

Adjourned at: 9:10 pm

- Presenter: Sadye L.Vassil, Community Organizer
Office of the Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, was not able to attend. However, Ms. Vassil will be on the next meeting scheduled November 7, 2011 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Raybblin Vargas
Rectified by: Fe Florimon