

**Community Board 12, Manhattan
General Meeting- October 25, 2011
Isabella Geriatric Center 515 Audubon Avenue
Corner of W. 190th Street**

PRESENT

Richard Allman	Elizabeth M. Lehmann
James J. Amodeo	Richard R. Lewis
Anita Barberis	Maria Luna
Wayne Benjamin	Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter
Isaiah Obie Bing	Helen Morik
Rolando Cespedes	Edgard Nau
George Cruz	Cheryl Pahaham
Mireya Cruz-Diaz	Pamela Palananque
George Espinal	North
George Fernandez	Edith Prentiss
Ariel Ferreira	Harlan Pruden
Melanie Hidalgo	Zéad Ramadan
Fe Florimon	Tamara Rivera
Mitchell Glenn	Gabriella J. Rosa
Ernest David Kach	Angela Sanchez
Yosef Kalinsky	Steve Simon

EXCUSED

Aldemar De Jesus Diaz
Angelo Ortiz

ABSENT

Frank Alvarez
Alyce Smith
Raybblin Vargas
Robert A. Reynolds
Carol Mulligan
James Berlin
William T Devlin
Michael Diaz
Nicole Alexander Foster
Leandro Hidalgo
Leonardo Blackman
Manny De Los Santos
Rafael Lugo
Julissa Gomez
Gloria Vanterpool
Jose Polanco

Chair's Report- Dr. Pamela Palanque North

- Spoke about NYC Budget Cuts and its impact on CB12M
- Madame Chair testified at the NYS Senate Committee on the Environment – Calling for stronger oversight of the North River Waste Water plant
- Madame Chair was interviewed by media (Daily News) and spoke about CB12M vote on Quadriad Realty
- CB12M Joins our elected officials in welcoming the US Ambassador to the Dominican Republic to WAHI
- Updated community on CB12M budget priorities meeting

Chairs Report (Continued)

- Councilmember Rodriguez's Children's Film Festival - 10/30 at IS 143
- "Pumpkins on Post", 10/29, Post & 204 ST 11-4pm
- J. Hood Wright's 175th B-day Celebration, Nov 5th 1pm at the J. Hood Wright Recreation Center
- MBP Halloween Hero-Fest in the Heights Friday 10/28 from 5:00pm - 6:15pm located at 5030 Broadway

2011 CB12M Nominating Committee

- *Fe Florimon, Chair*
- *Richard Allman*
- *Obie Bing*
- *George Cruz*
- *Angela Sanchez*

**Madame Chair informed CB12M member's if anyone wanted to volunteer that they could put their request in to her.*

CB12M MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE

- November 19, 12:30pm, Baker Field, CU vs. Brown
"CB 12M Day @ the Game"
- December 19, 6pm "Community Leaders Holiday Party @ the Cloisters"
Sponsored by the Metropolitan Museum of Art & Elected Officials

District Manager's Report – Ebenezer Smith

- ARC XVI Ft. Washington announced its new senior transportation service enhancement. The new Coordinated Older Adult Senior Transportation Service (COAST) is a door through door transportation service in northern Manhattan from 110th Street to 220th Street river to river. The COAST program is tailored to seniors who live independent providing free transportation within the program area to members of the ARC. However, suggested contribution of \$3.00 for round trip is suggested and \$20.00 for monthly unlimited rides. COAST is available from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday to Friday.
- Superintendent Busvioc from NY Department of Sanitation informed DM of the winter operation which will start in a few weeks. This operation implies that one section of the district will have its garbage collected at night. As well Superintendent Busvioc also informed Dm that they will have 11 to 12 sanitation workers to cover unpredicted snow. During budget consultation meeting sanitation is hiring some workers to be better prepared for the winter this year.
- New York City DOT is implementing traffic changes proposed several months ago as part of the traffic calming project. 181st Street was milled by DOT last week and the installation of new parking regulations to ensure delivery window location for trucks will be installed by the end of this week. Notifications in English and Spanish of the new parking pattern are being distributed to all the merchants in the area. We are keeping close attention to this project.
- Richard Lewis board member asked district manager when will the resolutions be posted on CB12M and Dm informed Mr. Lewis that the board office in the process of working on it.
- Wayne Benjamin board member suggested that we utilize our new members, some who have expressed interest in helping out with information technology assistance.
- Liz Ritter board member requested that board rankings be submitted in a timely manner

Borough President Scott Stringer's Office –

- Ingrid Stelero Introduced herself to the community board as the community liaison for Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, she works with CB11M and will be now be working with Community Board 12 Manhattan. She can be reached at 212-531-2277.

Assemblyman Guillermo Linares

- Assembly member updated the community on programs and services for the immigration population.
- Spoke about the Consulate General Offices of New York City for Ecuador, Dominican Republic and Mexico, where Immigrant parent will have access to critical services.
- Made reference to Cuomo's new executive order calling for state agencies to translate the services in multiple languages; which were identified through he census 2010.

Ydanis Rodriquez Council Member District 10

- Informed the community about upcoming events, called attention to a Halloween event for the children festival that will take place at IS 23
- Is working with CUNY on the roles of parents and children play in their education. Having workshops with PTA
- Is working with all elected officials to walk to Occupy Wall Street, on Monday, Nov. 7, 2011 starting at 10:30am; he is calling for all to join in.

Council Member Robert Jackson District 7

- Spoke about our layoff notices to Local 770 DC 37 members who work as School Aides, Health Aides, Family Workers, Parent and Community Coordinators and in other no teaching jobs. Community update on DC37 speaks about education cut backs and layoffs, which are mostly teachers and secretary/receptionist there was a one year stay to avert layoffs.

Quorum was established at 8:28

- Chair of the board called meeting to order, there was no objection
- Request by Chair of the board to ratify September minutes in November, there was no objections

Public Speaker's Session

Mr. X

- Informed the community that he was been away from a few general meetings but that he is now back.

Gloria Pazmino

- Manhattan Times informed community about a Halloween party at the Inwood Center from 3pm to 6 p.m.

Mike Jimenez

- Informed community of the March for John Collado on November 5th at noon at Dyckman and Post Avenue

James Kushner

- Founder of Rotatory Club founded 6 years and meet at Garden Café. Express Rotatory Club supporting Garden Café as well Susan Shepherd and Marc Chaffie support Garden Café

Gus Antoine-Owner of Garden Café

- Makes a plea to the community that no action be taken because his business is in compliance and it has no violation from the NYPD, FDNY and or HPD

Ms. Aguiler

- Speaks in support of Garden Café

Howard Gordon

- Speaks in support of Garden Café

Jacobs Morris

- Talks about resolution in the street naming of Joe Louis, the boxer, he stated that the board should approve this resolution.

Carla Fisk

- Resident who lives at 101 Cooper Street, where her apartment windows are at the rear of Garden Café, talks about the noise. In addition, the café is about 30 feet from children's bedrooms and who are very ill chronic disease and states she supports the Inwood Neighborhood Coalition and supports Garden Café

Jeffrey Cooper

- States he supports Garden Café however he wishes that the resolution includes stipulations of restricted hours & no music .

Gus & Audra

- Spoke in support of Joe Louis Street Co-Naming

Julian Clayton

- Northern Manhattan Bronx Representative talks about a pharmacy discount and made reference to there being over 2,300 pharmacies throughout New York City and that anyone can get a discount card through the Department of Health, & Mental Hygiene private and public funds can call 311 to receive discount card

Public Session Concluded

Committee Chair Reports

Traffic & Transportation – *Yosef Kalinsky*, Chair

- Chair of Traffic and Transportation referred members to September minutes
- Presented a resolution Co-naming Joe Louis Place at the northwest corner of W. 159th Street between St. Nicholas & Edgecombe Avenue
- T&T is advocating for community regarding waiting time for bus routes

Health & Environment, *Steve Simon*, Chair

- Chair of H&E referred members to September meeting minutes
- Presented a resolution called "Take Care New York" a campaign being headed by Al Gore
- Cheryl and Harlan offered friendly amendments to the resolution; and were accepted

Economic Development – *Ariel Ferreira Assist*, Chair

- Ariel Ferreira Assistant Chair presented the 18 resolutions. Please see attached resolution at the end of report. Ariel made reference to Resolutions 11, 15, and 16 and therefore; an automatic no vote

- **Cheryl Pahaham** made a friendly amendment to explore muffling the sound

Resolution # 6 Alta Gracias DBA Lacaridad #2

- 33rd Pct. objects Renewal, due to 83 Criminal Court Summons. Licensed revoked May 10, 2011
- **Cheryl Pahaham** requesting friendly amendment be added to incorporate language about police closing down establishment
- **Richard Lewis** board member speaks out against resolution # 13 requesting TLC renewal if its livery car base license to Clear Car Service Corp, 908 St Nicholas Avenue at the corner of West 155th Street

Youth & Education – Fe Florimon

- Community Board referred to minutes, and wanted to share with community that the Youth and Education committee has been active in developing relationships with local CBOs and City Agencies. The Youth and Education committee will be conducting its first Saturday meeting on December 3rd it's a meeting that will call for parents and youth to share their education concerns.

Housing & Human Services – George Fernandez, Chair

- Brief update of HHS last month's meeting
Spoke about inviting ACS to further discuss response to budget ranking , and inviting NYC Building to speak about building that have been evacuated , where are the tenants
- Inform the community about last month's agenda and stated HHS will be seeking to speak with the ACS about day-care services and that of the New York City Department of Buildings.

Land Use – Wayne Benjamin Chair

- Referred member to the September meeting minutes

Parks & Cultural Affairs – Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

- Referred members to September meeting minutes.

Representatives for Elected Officials

State Senator Adriano Espalliat's Office- Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

- Following the hearing earlier this month on DEP's practice allowing the discharge of millions of gallons of raw sewage, senator Espalliat will be drafting important legislation on the upcoming session to address this serious environmental hazard.
- DEA drug take program Saturday, 10/29 from 10-2pm, at many locations throughout the community including 34th precinct (4295 Broadway @ 183rd Street). This is an easy way to remove the potential for abuse of unwanted/unused prescription drugs that may be in your medicine cabinet in a way that is safe, legal and environmentally appropriate. Flushing drugs through the toilets pollutes our water ways
- Senator Espalliat's remains committed to opposing hydrofracking because of its dangerous environmental practice and who continues to work with environmental advocates.
- Congratulations to former CB12 member Julissa Reynosa on her recent nomination by the White House to represent as Ambassador to Uruguay.

New business

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm

Minutes Submitted by George Fernandez, III ,
1st Vice Chair of CB12M and reviewed by Deborah Blow & Frances Escano

Community Board 12, Manhattan October 2011 General Meeting					
Vote Totals for Resolutions					
Resolutions	Favor	Opposed	Abstain	Absent	Not Voting
Traffic and Transportation					
Resolution Co-naming Joe Louis Place at the northwest corner of W. 159th Street between St. Nicholas & Edgecombe Avenues.	31	0	0	18	0
Health and Environment					
Resolution endorsing the NYC Health Department's "Take Care New York 2012" health agenda.	31	0	0	18	0
Economic Development					
1. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: 4060 Broadway Restaurant Inc. dba Aquamarina – 4060-4066 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 171st St.)	29	1	0	19	0
2. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Villa Patron Inc. – 104 Dyckman Street, (bet. Nagle & Post Aves.)	29	1	0	19	0
3. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: 2148 Tomas Restaurant Corp. – 2148 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 166th & W. 167th Sts.)	30	0	0	19	0
4. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Nayelin Bar & Restaurant Inc. – 101 Sherman Avenue, (bet. Dyckman & Academy Sts.)	28	1	1	19	0
5. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Venerato Inc. dba Garden Café – 4961 Broadway, (bet W. 207th & Isham Sts.)	29	1	0	19	0
6. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Altagracia Marrero dba La Caridad Restaurant #2 – 2092 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 163rd & W. 164th Sts.)	30	0	0	19	0
7. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Manuel Calo dba Galicia Segundo Restaurant Corp. – 4083 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 172nd St.)	29	1	0	19	0
8. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Japp Business Inc. dba Pick & Eat – 4179 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 177h St.)	29	1	0	19	0
9. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: 207th Street Lina Restaurant Inc. – 500 A W. 207th Street, (Bet. 10th & Post Aves.)	29	1	0	19	0
10. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Beans & Vines Corp. – 4842 Broadway, (bet. Academy & 204th Sts.)	29	1	0	19	0
11. 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 Sts.)	30	0	0	19	0
12. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: El Monte Restaurant Corp. – 2153 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 166th & W. 167th Sts.)	29	1	0	19	0
13. Resolution to recommend the TLC grant a Renewal of its Livery Car Base License to: Clear Car Service Corp. – 908 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of W. 155th St.)	12	16	2	19	0
14. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to: Tacos & Burritos El Primito Corp. – 142 Nagle Avenue, (at the corner of Thayer St.)	27	2	1	19	0
15. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to: ES Café – 4448 Broadway, (at the corner of Fairview Ave.)	30	0	0	19	0
16. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to: Corp. to be determined by Alex Ramos – 186 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Vermilyea Ave.)	30	0	0	19	0
17. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to: Puma Pizzeria Restaurant Inc. – 3867 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 207th St.)	28	2	0	19	0
18. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to: 1200 Maldonado Restaurant Corp. – 2100 Amsterdam Avenue, (at the corner of W. 164th St.)	26	2	2	19	0

Traffic & Transportation Minutes – November 7th, 2011

PRESENT:

Committee: Richard Allman, Anita Barberis, Mitch Glenn, Yosef Kalinsky, James Berlin

Absent: Edith Prentiss (excused).

Public: Paul Hintersteiner – 17 Ft. George Hill, Jonathan Rabinowitz, Brad Conover, Lars Klove, Kimberly Kingten – Bike Upper Manhattan, Josh Orzeck – DOT, William Rivera – CB9 Bx.

Rabbi Kalinsky opened the meeting at 7:10 PM and welcomed the guests.

1. Cross-Bronx Expressway Initiative – William Rivera, Member CB9 Bronx, Presenter

- The Cross Bronx Expressway is a health and traffic nightmare. There are points of congestion along the length of the highway for 115 hours per week. Idling vehicles spew toxic gases on adjoining neighborhoods. Asthma rates in the southern Bronx neighborhoods that abut the highway are extremely high.
- Mr. Rivera is attempting to convene a roundtable of experts, government officials and concerned citizens to come up with shovel ready projects to solve the Cross Bronx Expressway congestion problems and environmental concerns.
- Because the Cross Bronx Expressway becomes the Trans Manhattan Expressway after crossing the Harlem River, Mr. Rivera is looking to CB12M for support.
- Jim Berlin suggests taking his presentation to the CB12M Health and Environment Committee as a next step.

2. DOT Update – Josh Orzeck, Presenter

- A resolution was passed last year urging the DOT to improve pedestrian safety at 7 dangerous intersections in Inwood. This work is proceeding and several intersections have already been upgraded.
- The Dyckman Street Bike Connector project has been postponed for unknown reasons. This raised the ire of several members of the public. Brad Conover pointed out that the Dyckman Connector was supposed to be studied by the DOT as early as 2008.
- Josh let us know that there has been no progress on any other bike lane initiatives uptown. We were told that there is a vague intention to study bike lanes enhancements in Washington Heights and Inwood. Josh was asked by Chair Kalinsky to get Hayes Lord to address the committee's next meeting in December. Chair Kalinsky will reach out to Mr. Lord directly to get him to address us next month.
- Josh brings news of Cityshare bike sharing program to be piloted next spring in downtown Manhattan. Kimberly Kingten told us that \$100 will buy up to three 30 minute rides per day for an entire year. Initial rollout intended for Manhattan south of 72 Street and Brownstone Brooklyn. Brad Conover and Jonathan Rabinowitz ask that CB12 request that uptown be part of this pilot program. The committee decides to vote on whether to develop a resolution stating this desire.

Vote was:

T&T Committee: 5-0-0

Other Board Members: none present

Public: 5-0-0

3. AWS Hardware requests parking meters in front of store at 145 Ft. George Avenue

- No representative of AWS appeared, so discussion was tabled.

4. Arden Avenue speed humps

- Request was made to DOT to study adding speed humps to Arden Avenue between Nagle Avenue and Dongan Place. It was unclear who requested this change.
- DOT agrees that speed humps are feasible and will build them, pending a CB12 resolution in favor.

- Committee decided to postpone the resolution one month in order to get community input.

5. Reduce Alternate Side of the Street parking to 1 day per side for Wash Heights and Inwood.

- Health and Environment Committee passed a resolution this month requesting this change.
- To be eligible, streets must be 90% clean or better. Our neighborhoods' streets were judged to be 92% clean. This finding was surprising.
- Steve Simon was contacted by cell phone and put on speaker to provide some background. Steve will pass T&T a copy of the Health Committee's resolution.
- Jonathan Rabinowitz mentions that people use the streets to sell cars and reducing alternate side of the street parking may assist these merchants and make it harder for others to park.
- The Committee agrees to adopt the Health Committee's resolution with minor changes.
Vote was:
T&T Committee: 4-0-1
Other Board Members: none present
Public: 2-1-2

6. New Business

- a. Residential Parking Permits – Richard Allman requests that this topic be added to next month's agenda.
- b. 207 Street Station on 1 Train. George Fernandez reports that repairs are moving at a snail's pace. It is decided that Adrienne Taub would be invited to our next meeting.
- c. Dyckman Street Flooding – Paul Hintersteiner reports that vast sections of Dyckman Street have begun flooding after rains due to changes that DOT is making for pedestrian safety.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mitch Glenn

Traffic and Transportation Committee
November 7th 2011

Whereas: The DOT is planning to create “bike share”, a bike sharing program with a pilot run planned for next Spring which would include:

- 10,000 bikes at 600 stations conveniently located to accommodate pick-up and return at different stations in a program designed to increase transit access and serve other local trips.
- Flexible modules, approximately 10 ft., that can be combined to increase spots at higher demand locales as well as organized in a variety of configurations to fit different areas.
- Wireless/solar power technology enabling quick installation and if necessary, easy removal and relocation based on needs.
- Affordable prices – Annual Pass \$60-\$90; Week Pass \$20-\$25; Day Pass: \$5-\$10.
- Placement guidelines - can be on sidewalks, streets and other public spaces such as plazas, parks and medians in accordance with extensive specific requirements (such as no sidewalk location narrower than 16 ft. allowed).
- High-level service company with contract including fines if timeliness requirements aren't met.
- Sponsorships that will eliminate need for public funding (no taxpayer expense).
- Use of large handlebars with bells built in and displaying rules of the road; and

Whereas: Demonstrations and an intensive participatory planning process are being undertaken by DOT, including community workshops and open houses, as well as dialogue with community boards, elected officials, business improvement districts and other stakeholders to ensure that the program responds to community needs and to refine it where necessary in advance of the Summer 2012 launch; and

Whereas: The initial rollout by DOT is intended for lower Manhattan, we residents of CB12, upper Manhattan request that DOT highly consider installing bike share locations within CB12 as part of the pilot program; now therefore be it

Resolved: That CB12M fully supports DOT's new Bike Share program and looks forward to working with DOT in conducting community workshops and outreach, gathering input on preferred locations, and location selection within CB12.

Vote: Committee 5-0-0 ; Public 5-0-0

**Minutes for Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting
November 1, 2011 (711 W. 168th St.)**

Committee members present: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, David Kach, Michael Diaz, Mitchell Glenn, Richard Lewis, Zead Ramadan. **Committee member absent:** Harlan Pruden. **CB 12 members present:** Pamela Palanque-North, Obie Bing, George Fernandez, Maria Luna, Cheryl Pahaham. **Guests:** Roger Meyer, David Brodherson, Gloria Pazmino (Manhattan Times), Brad Conover, Jennifer Hoppa (Dept. of Parks & Recreation), James Cataldi (Inwood Parks Alliance/IPA), Michael Ford (WH Tennis Assn., IPA), Dana Hanchard, Daniel Smith, Gail Addiss, Sandra Harris (Columbia University), Eligio Reynoso (Washington Heights Tennis Assn./WHTA), Obed Fulcar (Friends of Sherman Creek), Grant McKeown (Bruce's Garden, Isham Park Restoration Project), Susan Ryan, Andrea Kornbluth, Marty Granger (WHTA), Gretchen Morganthaler, Jose Candelario, Jose Madera, Jose Urena, Veronica Lui (WordUp), Raphael Acosta, Nancy Bruning (Ft. Tryon Park Trust), Carla Zanoni (DNAinfo).

Welcome & Opening Remarks by Elizabeth Lorris Ritter. Noted that the Economic Development Committee is meeting concurrently, and discussing (among other things) the scope of the Port Authority's planned renovation of the George Washington Bus Terminal. Based on prior discussions, this committee's position is that the design should include a community space that is larger than 250 square feet; this will be communicated to PANYNJ.

Proposed Public Art Project for Stan Michaels Promenade in Ft. Tryon Park: Neighborhood artist Peter Bulow showed about a half-dozen small clay models of heads for proposed installation at the bench areas along the promenade, and displayed photos of more in his accompanying presentation. The models were done mostly on the "A" train, and based on riders he observed there. They will be approximately life-sized, and mounted on pedestals. Made of terra cotta, they should last indefinitely, and withstand the weather. There will be twelve heads: one on either side of each of six existing benches. This will be a temporary installation, beginning about April 2012 and lasting three to four months. Final selection will be made from approximately twenty miniature models. The proposal received enthusiastic support of those in attendance. It was suggested that an installation remain in place through the Medieval Festival next fall. It was also suggested to reach out to Councilmember Michel's widow as a courtesy.

Update on Dual-use Agreement between Columbia University & NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation: Northern Manhattan Parks Administrator Jennifer Hoppa noted that the Parks Planning Department has been in the lead of the development of the proposed estuarial area at the Hudson River, just north of Inwood Hill Park at 218th Street. They have extended the open area of the development to the west of the existing CU boathouse. At present, the parties are discussing contract language to ensure access to the existing dock, boat storage, public safety and appropriate signage, as well as issues related to insurance and indemnification. The dock will be deeded to the public, and will be available at all times, except during CU boating use (generally early-morning hours). There will be three storage containers for small person-powered craft, and access over the facilities will be improved at the existing mud flat.

- Roger Meyer: how many canoes can be accommodated? A: (Ms. Hoppa) Parks intends to use two storage containers for DPR kayaks as well as canoes, and one for public storage. Through fundraising, DPR also hopes to provide staff for water recreation at opening. With more demand for water-borne recreation Parks also hopes to develop the Harlem River waterfront site at 208th Street.
- Gail Addiss: question re design plans. A: (Ms. Hoppa) after the dual-use agreement is signed, the public design process will begin. Ms. Addiss: storage containers indicated inferiority to the CU boathouse. A: the containers are a short-term measure. With demand, DPR will build a larger structure. The Peter J. Sharp boathouse was designed before actual use; as a result, programming is constrained by the existing design.
- Ms. Lorris Ritter cited the experience with the reopening of the High Bridge: with the Highbridge Park, in which path paving and increased use led to eventual renovation.
- CB12 Vice Chair Cheryl Pahaham asked whether the Dual-use Agreement would affect the ULURP process. A: (Ms. Hoppa) the DUA is separate from ULURP, and is being handled by the City's Legal Department at the request of elected officials.
- Diana Hanchard inquired about public funding. Ms. Hoppa replied that CB12 has in its budget priorities a request for funding from the City Council and public officials at the city and state level. Diana also questioned whether such requests compete with funding for non-profits. Jennifer answered that these requests are for funding from City agencies, rather than discretionary funds.

- David Brodherson requested a separate meeting on the CU/DPR proposal. Ms. Lorris Ritter suggested a meeting before the signing of the DUA, to update the public on the discussions.
- Carla Zanoni asked whether the proposed park will be completed before the new building under now construction at the adjoining Baker Field site. A: (Ms. Hoppa) the developments are separate.
- CB12 member Maria Luna wondered whether we would have adequate information about people's questions before a public meeting. Ms. Lorris Ritter recommended that we gather questions before the meeting, which perhaps would be at the next committee meeting.

Update on DPR rehabilitation of Ft. Tryon Park's Alpine Garden, Grotto & Staircases: Ms. Hoppa explained that the staircases traverse a 150 ft. elevation from Broadway. (Another staircase to the north is being restored with funded through the Borough President's office.) The Alpine Garden originally was designed as a scavenger hunt garden; the grotto therein had been lost to overgrowth for nearly forty years. It is the only grotto in an NYC public park, and included a waterfall and pool. The restoration, which CB12 supported in a May '09 reso, has been substantially funded by the Peter J. Sharp Foundation, and aided considerably by discovery that the grotto's underlying water system was basically intact. However, Parks did need to go back to the Public Design Commission and the Landmarks Preservation Commission because the site is on both the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places. For safety reasons (e.g., to reduce risk of drowning and insect breeding) the grotto will now spill into a marshy area rather than a pool. DPR is relying on the original plant list, except where it uses invasive species.

- Ms. Luna: will the staircase be ADA accessible. Ms. Hoppa: that it not possible due to the steep incline.
- CB12 Chair Pam Palanque-North: inquired as to how many more people will have access from the Broadway side. Jennifer said she did not know. However, restoration of the paths, plantings gardens of the entrances, and dog run should all help make that side of the park more inviting. Groups come from all over the world to the park because of the Alpine Garden, and enter from Broadway.
- Ms. Luna asked about the project time frame. A: (Ms. Hoppa) work started in 2009, but the recent storm damage caused delays. Parks is going before the Public Design Commission, and hopes to be done by June 2012 at a cost of \$120,000.

The committee unanimously approved a resolution supporting the plan as presented: 6 Committee members, 5 Board members and 18 members of the public in favor, with 2 members of the public not voting due to conflict.

Bicycle access and the Dyckman/Greenway connector & the Sherman Creek Esplanade/Malecon: Based on discussions subsequent to a community presentation by NYC's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of their proposed plan (currently unfunded) for a waterway esplanade along the Sherman Creek area, Ms. Lorris Ritter wanted further to discuss bike paths in that area:

- "Bike Manhattan" co-chair Brad Conover stated he didn't see provisions for cyclists' needs in the plans. He would like a way to connect with the proposed bike trail through Van Cortlandt Park and into Westchester, potentially over the 207th Street Bridge and possibly building out over the water to accommodate biking.
- Ms. Hoppa noted that DPR is slated to receive funds for ADA accessibility to Fort Washington Park along the Hudson, and for dual-use access along the Dyckman Ballfields to the Henry Hudson Bridge.
- Nancy Bruning of the Fort Tryon Park Trust suggested that bike paths and other access are needed for the east side of the area, that it should not be isolated.
- Obed Fulcar of Friends of Sherman Creek agreed with the addition of bike paths to the Sherman Creek Esplanade. He also wanted to note the need for biking plans for the Highbridge and connection to the Bronx River Greenway. Obed also enquired about a "Bike and Roll" site at Sherman and 9th Avenues.

Ms. Lorris Ritter will share minutes of this discussion with EDC for their further consideration, and with the Traffic & Transportation Committee.

Renovation of Inwood Hill Tennis Courts: Ms. Hoppa gave a summary of progress on the project:

- Planning started in Jan. '08, with priorities gradually shifting from rehabilitation of the courts and comfort station to renovation of the courts only. Funding was only sufficient for six of the nine courts.
- Priorities meeting in Jan. '10 sought monies for comfort station and three courts, but funds were unavailable.

- Fortunately, low bids have enabled renovation of all nine courts.
- There is discussion of the number of courts and meeting USTA standards. However, the design is funded, and no funds are available for desired changes.
- The present priority is renovation of all nine courts; cited petition and other public input.
- Removing existing shade trees is difficult because of City Council legislation.
- In addition, ADA accessibility is necessary, which constrains court configuration.
- The current design is now publicly approved, and the contract has been let.
- The plans were submitted to the USTA, which came up with two plans that would require an additional \$1.7 million, and result in the loss of some adult courts.
- Also, the IHP site still would not qualify as tournaments require ten courts, seating and other amenities.

Presentation by Eligio "Leo" Reynoso, Certified Children's Tennis Instructor, Washington Heights Tennis Association (www.tennisheights.net):

- WHTA is the only organization that gives out scholarships for winter play; eighty given.
- To date, WHTA has instructed 15,000 children.
- Originally, the IHP tennis courts had twelve courts at on one level, with no trees.
- In the 1930's the DPR planted trees 16 ft. from baseline; UTSA minimum clearance is 18 ft.
- Competitive tennis is non-existent because tree shade and court orientation.
- Plan proposes 8 courts, with 2 basketball courts at one end, and shade shared by players of both sports.
- There would be an independent entrance for the basketball courts.
- Also, there would be two permanent children's courts (10 years and under).
- The association requested consideration of its plan, which it also presented to the Committee in Sept.'10, from the DPR and a supporting resolution from the Committee.

Questions and discussion:

- Ms. Hanchard asked where the children are playing now. Mr. Reynoso noted that as for January, children 10 and under are required by the USTA to play on mini-courts.
- CB12 member Zead Ramadan stated his support for dedicated 10-and-under courts. He also encouraged basketball advocates to get involved in the process.
- Ms. Hoppa explained that Parks submitted the WHTA proposal to the USTA, but it was not accepted. Also, the DPR cannot build within the drip-line of the trees, rendering the proposed location of the children's courts unfeasible.
- Ms. Lorris Ritter echoed the apparently unanimous opinion that in hindsight, DPR's decision 75 years ago to plant the trees was a misguided and unfortunate choice.
- Michael Ford maintained that his group had reached out to basketball players.
- Ms. Hoppa added that DPR was already paid \$100,000 to contractors, and that OMB could cut out an inactive project, if the process was restarted.
- [Unknown] noted that tennis is necessary to make up for the lack of physical education in the schools, and children's courts are a good idea.
- Jose [surname?] observed there are constant fights over the front three courts with the best shading, and that should be taken into account by the rehabilitation.
- Mr. Conover commented that he didn't see the courts full until permitting season was over. He added it would be nice to have all courts playable, and that if we lost one court, but gained five playable ones, that too would be good.
- Susan Ryan stated that improving the courts is a social justice issue, and children's courts are needed. "Tennis builds concentration and focus in a media age," she said.
- Ms. Hoppa noted that Midtown Tennis, which is private, is not USTA compliant. She also hears complaints about the inadequacy of marking for children's play [on adult courts].
- Ms. Luna expressed sadness that there would be a new proposal without provision for children's courts.
- Marty Granger said that adult courts could be used by older kids, but there should be children's courts.
- Ms. Pahaham declared the trees should be moved, and that a waiver could be obtained.

- Ms. Hanchard expressed the hope that there will be consensus. She observed that the playground is underused, and asked why we would waste public funds without listening to the USTA.
- Mr. Ford responded to Ms. Hoppa's earlier comment, reiterating that Midtown Tennis is private. He added that IHP is the only tennis facility that shares space with basketball courts, an activity distinct from tennis. He stressed that we have an opportunity to build courts for the 21st century with its faster play due to improvements in racket design. He also asserted that the reason Irina Falconi, ranked 77th worldwide, moved to Florida was to train because the facilities in Inwood were inadequate.
- Mr. Ramadan: we have sometimes been given fewer/lesser facilities. If we are going to use tax dollars, we should do it right. We should want to do it with foresight and equity to all players, especially regarding shade. Any other plan makes it unfair.
- Ms. Ryan stated that separate entrances for kids and for basketball players is a good idea; the community is willing to back Parks for any changes.
- Mr. Ramadan added that kids should only be taught on one type of court. Without losing one adult court to kids' courts, you are excluding a group: children.
- Cheryl Panham stressed that things can be stopped and renegotiated. It's what the community wants.
- Ms. Lorris Ritter noted that capital budget items are not DPR's call; funds come from the City Council and other elected officials. She questioned where the additional funds – both for new design and contracting, as well as for the project itself – would come from, and whether current funds would be lost if not used timely.
- Ms. Granger asked if dedicated children's courts could be sited in the 207th Street playground; Ms. Hoppa agreed this is a possibility.
- Mr. Brodherson asked if there are any usage data that could settle the question of the number of courts. Ms. Hoppa replied there was some, but it is not complete.
- James Cataldi offered that Enrique, who works on-site, has the statistics; per Ms. Hoppa he is there five days/week. She also noted that the number of permits issued could help in determining usage.

A resolution

- supporting the plan as presented by WHTA;
- acknowledging other public input;
- calling for suspension of the current design and construction contract;
- calling for a reversal or waiver of the requirements regarding tree replacement;
- calling upon our elected officials to allocate additional monies fully to fund a new design, new contract, and construction of new proposal, and for OMB to preserve current funding

was approved as follows: Committee members, 4-1-1-0; Board members, 3-0-0-0; Public 18-0-0-2.

New Business / Mail / Announcements

- Announced RFPs for vending of Christmas trees, wreaths, and holiday-related items.
- Cornerstone Chorale will have its annual Fall/Winter concert on December 4th, 3:30pm at Holyrood Church.
- Ms. Hoppa announced that Bennett Park will be closed for eight weeks, starting November 7th. Storm debris in the Jacob Javits Playground should be cleared by the coming weekend.
- DPR will have a program on November 12th at Highbridge Park on invasive species. Also on Saturday, there will be a Mushroom Walk in Inwood Hill Park.
- Manhattan parks were voted the greenest in New York City, with over 8,000 trees planted.
- Ms. Luna encouraged everyone to donate blankets to the Occupy Wall Street participants, and to bring them along on the November 7th march from CB12.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10pm. The next meeting will be on December 6th in rooms 312a/b of the Hammer Health Sciences building.

Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee

November 1, 2011

Resolution regarding the Restoration of the Grotto in Fort Tryon Park's Alpine Garden

- Whereas:** The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) established a long-range plan in 1983 for the restoration of Fort Tryon Park; and
- Whereas:** The Alpine Garden grotto – a stone cavern with a collecting pool and cascading waters over stone outcroppings, located to the east of the Cloisters and west of the lawn along Broadway near Dongan Place – is an original fixture of this landmarked park included in Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.'s original 1935 design, and its restoration was included in DPR's 1983 plan; and
- Whereas:** A renovation project was approved by Community Board 12, Manhattan in a Resolution dated May 26, 2009; and
- Whereas:** The cascading water will flow into a planted marshy area to minimize potential hazards (e.g., drowning, insect breeding) presented by a pool of standing water; and
- Whereas:** \$120,000 has been allocated for landscaping, fountain engineering work and repairs to the adjacent rustic stone staircases by the Peter J. Sharp Foundation; and
- Whereas:** DPR already has laid the foundation for this work with preliminary tree work, extensive removal of invasive plants and repairs to the underlying plumbing which was discovered to be largely intact; and
- Whereas:** Representatives of DPR made an extensive presentation of their revised plan and the related work at the November 1st meeting of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee;
- Whereas:** Fort Tryon Park is on both the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places, and any changes to the plan requires approval by the Public Design and Landmarks Preservation Commissions; now therefore be it
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan, supports DPR's revised renovation plan for the Grotto, and urges the Public Design and Landmarks Preservation Commissions to approve said plan.

The resolution passed unanimously: 6 Committee members,
5 Board members,
18 members of the public (2 not voting due to conflict).

Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee

November 1, 2011

Resolution regarding Reconstruction of Inwood Hill Park's Tennis & Basketball Courts

- Whereas:** The New York City Council has allocated \$1.4 million for a much-needed renovation of the tennis and basketball courts in Inwood Hill Park, which was supported by Community Board 12, Manhattan as an in-kind replacement based on a presentation at the 6/1/10 Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee meeting and many subsequent Committee and DPR meetings and on-site visits in the ensuing 17 months; and
- Whereas:** There is community support for the plan among those who prefer to maintain the current number of adult courts and desire that the renovation be completed as soon as possible, as is evidenced by letters, e-mails, public discussion, attendance at meetings and a petition; and
- Whereas:** The current project has completed the design and contracting phases, with construction to commence imminently and to be completed by June '12, and could be modified to include removable lines for children's play which some regard as adequate and others regard as confusing; and
- Whereas:** Many community residents, groups and parks advocates oppose the plan the DPR is about to implement, which is not consistent with changing USTA guidelines and which they feel was adopted without sufficient community input; and
- Whereas:** The United State Tennis Association next year will begin requiring that children ages 10 and under competing in USTA-sanctioned tournaments learn to play on smaller courts specially designed and marked for children; and
- Whereas:** The game of tennis continues to evolve with advancements in racket technology, other equipment and playing surfaces, leading to faster, more rigorous play that now requires more space behind the baseline; and
- Whereas:** The Washington Heights Tennis Association's plan, which initially was proposed at the Committee's 10/5/10 meeting and re-introduced at the Committee's 11/1/11 meeting, would provide two new tennis courts designed specifically for children up to age 10 where now there are none; enlarge the adult courts to add an 18-foot baseline that has become the USTA standard; reposition the courts from north/south to east/west orientation; reduce the number of adult tennis courts from 9 to 8 and maintain the current square footage for basketball courts; and
- Whereas:** The plan would provide modern courts that reflect the way that tennis is played today; provide child-appropriate courts to encourage the development and future of tennis; support the laudable public health goals of encouraging physical activity and reducing obesity; and effectively increase the number of usable courts by removing age-based conflicts and making all of the adult courts equally desirable; and

- Whereas:** The plan would not require the removal of any trees, but would require building into their "drip line" which is prohibited by an act of the City Council; and,
- Whereas:** The plan enjoys broad support by many members of the community, community groups and advocate as evidenced by letters, e-mails, public discussion and attendance at meetings and is understood to cost at least \$1.7 million more and take at least 30 months longer to complete but to be well worth the additional funds and time; now therefore be it
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan urges the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation to suspend its current project for the renovation of Inwood Hill Park's tennis & basketball courts and instead to implement the plan proposed by the Washington Heights Tennis Association as described above; and be it further
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan calls on the City Council to grant a waiver to its current requirements regarding construction around trees and their possible removal, relocation and/or replacement so as to enable the implementation of this plan; and be it further
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan urges elected officials and the US Tennis Association to help fund this costlier but better plan; and be it further
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan calls on the Office of Management & Budget to ensure that funds committed to this project remain committed to this project, in whatever form it ultimately may take.

The resolution passed as follows:

	favor	opposed	abstain	not voting
Committee	4	1	1	0
Board	3	0	0	0
Public	18	0	0	2

**Economic Development Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2011**

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

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

CB12 Members Present: George Fernandez, Manny de los Santos, Richard Lewis

CB12 Staff Members Present: Frances Escano

Community Board Members: Manny De Los Santos

Community Members Present: Martin Collins - Councilmember Robert Jackson's Office; Claudio Bautista - Sweet Praise Bistro; Manuel Vidal Jr. - El Capri Restaurant; Marilyn Rodriguez - El Capri Restaurant; Jose Jorge - Parada Maimon Seafood Restaurant; Michael McCullen; Benjamin Ramirez - El Guanaco Restaurant; Moez Aboveleaga; Argilio Rodriguez - Vintich; Frank Hess - Assemblyman Farrell's Office; Arvelia Myers - Fred Johnson Tennis; Jay Pena - Serie 1 NYC Tapas Lounge; Dominga Tyson - La Minita Restaurant; Maria Taveras - Hallacas Corp.; Osvaldo Rosario - Cafeteria Billar Cibao II; Felipe Gutierrez - JBD Billiards.

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced at 7:13 PM

B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses

ON PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE

1. **Rincon Cibaeno Restaurant Inc dba Rincon Cibaeno Restaurant (125 A Nagle Avenue at the corner of Ardent St.)**

This establishment was a no show.

VOTE: EDC-0-4-3 CB-0-1-1 PUBLIC-11-0-1

2. **JDB Billiards Corp (174 Audubon Avenue at the corner of W. 174th Street)**
This is a pool hall that was represented by the owner Felipe Gutierrez. It is open 2 PM to 2 AM everyday. It has a capacity of 55 people, has 3 pool tables as well as a long chair and 10 seats. It is wheelchair accessible. Music is played by a jukebox. There are 6 cameras (2 outside) and the owner serves as security personnel. The 33rd Precinct recommends that the license not be renewed. They state that there are people outside the establishment at all hours of the night, music is played at excessively high levels. They have received summonses for excessive noise including most recently on September 7, 2011. They also received a violation for operating an unlicensed cabaret in March 2011. The establishment went to court and paid a \$1550 fine. The owner says that they no longer have dancing. There was no community comment.

VOTE: EDC-0-3-4 CB-0-1-1 PUBLIC-10-0-1

3. **Serie 1 NYC Tapas Bar Inc dba Serie 1 Café** (1985 Amsterdam Avenue bet. W 158th & 159th Streets)

This establishment is a tapas lounge and small restaurant café. It was represented by Jay Pena the manager and Clark Pena their consultant. The hours of operation are 3 PM to 12 AM weekdays and Friday and Saturday from 3 PM to 2:30 AM. It is not open on Sunday. It has a capacity of 75 people. There are 7 tables (4 tables of 4 chairs and 3 tables of 2 chairs). There are 6 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible. Music is played on a computer. There are 12 security cameras inside in addition to the NYPD camera right outside the establishment. There are 2 additional cameras outside. There are also 2 security personnel per evening and they use Interlock a citywide security system that connects the establishment to the 33rd Precinct and provides for immediate response time. There are 3 employees including the manager. The 33rd Precinct recommends that the license not be renewed due to disorderly groups, a May 27th nuisance abatement, problems with people hanging out front and getting in to fights, health department violations including a mouse infestation problem and the fact that their corporation is inactive. There was no comment from the community.

VOTE: EDC-0-3-4 CB-1-1-0 PUBLIC-8-0-1

4. **Segura Corp dba VINTICH** (3950 10th Avenue bet. W. 211th & W. 212 Streets)

The establishment is a bar/lounge. It was represented by its lawyer Arelio Rodriguez and the owner William Segura. Its hours of operation are 10 AM to 4 AM everyday except Tuesday and Thursday when they are closed. They have a capacity of 74 people. There are 20 tables which have 50 seats and 3 VIP sections that seat 15 people each. The establishment is wheelchair accessible. Music is played through a DJ and occasionally there is live music. There are 28 security cameras with 16 inside. They use CNF as their security company. There are 15 full time employees. The 34th precinct does not recommend a renewal due to numerous assaults and summonses due to disorderly conduct. There was no comment from the community.

VOTE: EDC-3-0-4 CB-1-0-1 PUBLIC-13-0-1

RESTAURANT WINE LICENSE

5. **Taqueria Santa Clara Food Corp** (1336 St. Nicholas Avenue at the corner of 177th Street)

This is a Mexican food restaurant that was represented by the owner Steven Palafox. It is open 9 AM to 4 AM everyday. There is a capacity of 30 people. There are 7 tables and 20 chairs. There are 5 seats at the counter. The bathroom is not wheelchair accessible. There are 6 security cameras (all inside) and no security personnel. There are 4 full time employees. There is no objection from the 33rd precinct and there was no community comment.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-14-0-0

6. **Cafeteria Billar Cibao II**- 90 Nagle Avenue bet. Ellwood & Sickle Streets)
This is an after-work drink hangout/pool hall. It was represented by Osvaldo Rosario. The hours of operation are 4 PM to 2 AM weekdays and until 3:30 AM on the weekends. There is a capacity for 35 people. There are 2 high tables and 2 regular tables with 8 chairs total. There are 8 seats at the bar. The establishment is not wheelchair accessible. Music is played through a jukebox with 2 speakers. There are 4 security cameras inside and one outside. There is one security personnel on weekdays and 2 people on the weekends. There are 2 part time employees. The 34th precinct does not have concern but is withholding a recommendation until they can get access to the site. There was no community comment.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-0-0-2 PUBLIC-11-0-0

7. **El Guanaco Restaurant & Pupuseria** (4195 Broadway bet. W. 178th & W. 177th Streets)
This establishment serves El Salvadorenan food as well as other Latin food. It was represented by the owner Benjamin Ramirez. Its hours of operation are 11 AM to 11 PM Monday to Thursday and 11 AM to 2:30 AM on the weekends. It has a capacity of 35 people. There are 7 tables with 4 chairs and one table with 2 chairs. There are 5 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible. Music is played on a jukebox. There are 2 security cameras inside and no security personnel. There are 3 full time employees including the owner, his wife and their daughter and 2 part time employees. The 33rd precinct has no objection and there was no community comment.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-13-0-0

C. State Liquor Authority New Applications

ON PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE

8. **GSMRT Inc dba Azera Lounge & Grill** (119 Dyckman Street at the corner of Post Avenue)

This establishment was a no show.

VOTE: EDC-0-4-3 CB-0-2-0 PUBLIC-0-0-1

9. **La Rueda Restaurant Inc dba Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant** (3862-3864 Broadway bet. W. 161st & W. 162nd Streets)
This is a Spanish restaurant that was represented by the owner Jose Perez. The hours of operation are 6 AM to 12 AM everyday. There is a capacity for 40 people. There are 18 tables that are all two seaters. There are 4 chairs at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible. Music is played on a jukebox. There are 7 cameras all inside and there are no security personnel. There are 18 employees who are part time and 12 full time employees. There is no objection from the 33rd precinct and there was no community comment.

VOTE: EDC-6-1-0 CB-0-0-2 PUBLIC-14-0-0

10. **Corp to be formed- TBD** (565 W. 207th Street bet. Vermilyea & Sherman Avenues)
This establishment was a no show.
VOTE: EDC-0-4-3 CB-0-1-1 PUBLIC-1-0-0
11. **Ethan Amano or entity to be formed-** 404 W. 202nd Street near the corner of 9th Avenue)
This establishment was a no show.
VOTE: EDC-0-4-3 CB-0-0-1 PUBLIC-0-0-1
12. **Hallacas Corp dba Junior Tacos** (253 Sherman Avenue bet. W. 207th & Isham Streets)
This is a Mexican restaurant/taqueria. The establishment was represented by the owner Maria Taveras. The hours of operation are 12 PM to 4 AM on the weekends and until 2 AM on weekdays. There is a capacity for 20 people. There are 13 tables each being two seaters. There are 2 seats at the bar. The establishment is wheelchair accessible. Music is played on a computer. There are 4 cameras (one outside and three inside). There are 5 full time employees. The 34th precinct would prefer a restaurant wine license. The establishment is going for a full liquor license because they want to serve margaritas. There was no community comment.
VOTE: EDC-6-0-1 CB-1-0-1 PUBLIC-12-0-0
13. **EMS Gourmet Corp dba El Capri Restaurant** (1342 St. Nicholas Avenue at the corner of W. 177^t Street)
This establishment sells Latin and Caribbean food. They have been around for 25 years. They were represented by their accountant Manuel Vida Jr and Marylyn Rodriguez who is the principal of the corporation. They currently only serve beer and wine. Their hours of operation are 6 AM to 2 AM everyday. They have a capacity for 40 people. There are 10 tables that are both four and two seaters. The bathroom is not wheelchair accessible. Music is played on an iPod. There are 10 cameras (2 outside). There are 12 full time employees. There is no objection from the 33rd precinct. There was no community comment.
VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-14-0-0

RESTAURANT WINE LICENSE

14. **La Minita Restaurant Inc** (3855 10th Avenue at the corner of W. 206th Street)
This is a Dominican restaurant that was represented by the owner Dominga Tyson and Zacharia Richiez a family friend. The hours of operation are from 6 AM to 12 AM everyday. It has a capacity for 20 people. . There is one table with 2 chairs and one table with 4 high chairs. There are 7 stools at the bar. The bathroom is not wheelchair accessible. Music is played on a jukebox. There are 4 security cameras all inside. There are 3 full time and

one part time employees. There is no objection from the 34th precinct and there was no community comment.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-14-0-0

15. **Sweet Praise Bistro** (4996 Broadway at the corner of W. 212th Street)
This is a new American bistro that was represented by the co-owner Claudio Bautista. The hours of operation are 9 AM to 10 PM Monday through Thursday and until 11 PM Friday through Sunday. There is a capacity of 65 people. There are 16 tables (two four top tables and 14 two top tables). The establishment is wheelchair accessible. Music is played on a computer and there is a band for brunch from 12 to 3 PM. There are 3 security cameras inside and 2 cameras outside. There is no objection from the 34th precinct and there was no community comment.
VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-13-0-0

16. **Parada Maimon Seafood Restaurant Corp-** 25 Sherman Avenue (at the corner of Sickles Street)
This is a seafood restaurant that sells a little bit of everything. It has more of a fast food bent. It was represented by the president of the corporation Jose Jorge. The hours of operation are 7 AM to 12 AM Monday through Thursday and 7 AM to 1 AM on weekends. There is a capacity for 30 people. There are 6 tables (four 4 seaters and 3 two seaters). The bathroom is not wheelchair accessible. Music is played on a computer. There are 5 security cameras inside and 2 more will go outside. There is no objection from the 34th precinct and there was no community comment.
VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC13-0-0

SUPERMARKET OFF PREMISE CONSUMPTION WINE & BEER LICENSE

17. **El Nuevo Gigante Supermarket Corp** (3854-3856 Broadway at the corner of W. 161st Street)
This establishment was a small supermarket that was represented by Alcides Tejada the owner. The hours of operation are 8 AM to 11:30 PM everyday. The establishment is wheelchair accessible. Music is played on a small radio for background music. There are 4 security cameras inside. There is no objection from the 33rd precinct and there was no community comment.
VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-1-1-0 PUBLIC-14-0-0

D. New Business/Adjournment

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

Whereas, Rincon Cibaeno Restaurant Inc dba Rincon Cibaeno Restaurant, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal on premise 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 Rincon Cibaeno Restaurant Inc dba Rincon Cibaeno Restaurant.

VOTE: EDC-0-4-3 CB-0-1-1 PUBLIC-11-0-1

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 2
Renewal- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, JBD Billiards Corp, 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 November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard concerns related to excessive noise, summonses and having an unlicensed cabaret; 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 JBD Billiards.

VOTE: EDC-0-3-4 CB-0-1-1 PUBLIC-10-0-1

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 3
Renewal- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, Serie 1 NYC Tapas Bar Inc Serie 1 Cafe, 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 November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard concerns related to disorderly groups fighting outside the establishment, a May 27, 2011 nuisance abatement, being closed for 8 months due to SLA violations, health department violations and their corporation being inactive; 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 Serie 1 NYC Tapas bar Inc dba Serie 1 Cafe.

VOTE: EDC-0-3-4 CB-1-1-0 PUBLIC-8-0-1

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

Whereas, Segura Corp dba VINTICH, 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 November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Segura Corp dba VINTICH; 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 Segura Corp dba VINTICH.

VOTE: EDC-3-0-4 CB-1-0-1 PUBLIC-13-0-1

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 5
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, Taqueria Santa Clara Food Corp, 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 November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Taqueria Santa Clara Food 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 Taqueria Santa Clara Food Corp.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-14-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 6
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, Cafeteria Billar Cibao II, 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 November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Cafeteria Billar Cibao II; 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 Cafeteria Billar Cibao II.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-0-0-2 PUBLIC-11-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 7
Renewal- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, El Guanaco Restaurant & Pupseria, 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 November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about El Guanaco Restaurant & Pupuseria; 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 Guanaco Restaurant & Pupuseria.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-13-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 8
New- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, GSMRT Inc dba Azera Lounge & Grill, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on premise 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 GSMRT Inc dba Azera Lounge & Grill.

VOTE: EDC-0-4-3 CB-0-2-0 PUBLIC-0-0-1

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 9
New- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, La Rueda Restaurant Inc dba Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about La Rueda Restaurant Inc dba Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new on premise liquor License for La Rueda Restaurant Inc dba Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant.

VOTE: EDC-6-1-0 CB-0-0-2 PUBLIC-14-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 10
New- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, Corp to be formed- TBD, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on premise 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 Corp to be formed- TBD.

VOTE: EDC-0-4-3 CB-0-1-1 PUBLIC-1-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 11
New- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, Ethan Amano or Entity to be formed, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on premise 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 Ethan Amano or Entity to be formed.

VOTE: EDC-0-4-3 CB-0-0-1 PUBLIC-0-0-1

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 12
New- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, Hallacas Corp dba Junior Tacos, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Hallacas Corp dba Junior Tacos; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new on premise liquor License for Hallacas Corp dba Junior Tacos.

VOTE: EDC-6-0-1 CB-1-0-1 PUBLIC-12-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 13
New- SLA- On Premise Liquor License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, EMS Gourmet Corp dba El Capri Restaurant, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about EMS Gourmet Corp dba El Capri Restaurant; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new on premise liquor License for EMS Gourmet Corp dba El Capri Restaurant.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-14-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 14
New- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, La Minita Restaurant Inc, 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 November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about La Minita Restaurant Inc; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new restaurant wine license for La Minita Restaurant Inc.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-14-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 15
New- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, Sweet Praise Bistro, 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 November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Sweet Praise Bistro; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new restaurant wine license for Sweet Praise Bistro.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC-13-0-0

**Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 16
New- SLA- Restaurant Wine License
November 1, 2011**

Whereas, Parada Maimon Seafood Restaurant Corp, 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 November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Parada Maimon Seafood Restaurant Corp; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new restaurant wine license for Parada Maimon Seafood Restaurant Corp.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-2-0-0 PUBLIC13-0-0

Economic Development Committee
Resolution # 17
New- SLA- Supermarket Off Premise Consumption Wine & Beer License
November 1, 2011

Whereas, El Nuevo Gigante Supermarket Corp, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new Supermarket Off Premise Consumption Wine & Beer License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on November 1, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about El Nuevo Gigante Supermarket Corp; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Supermarket Off Premise Consumption Wine & Beer License for El Nuevo Gigante Supermarket Corp.

VOTE: EDC-7-0-0 CB-1-1-0 PUBLIC-14-0-0

Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes
November 2

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Tamara Rivera

Board Members Present

Elizabeth Lehman
Richard Lewis
Angelo Ortiz
George Fernandez
Michael Diaz

Public Member

Vivian Ducat

Guests: Carmen DeLaRosa-Councilmember Rodriguez, Martin Collins-Councilmember Jackson, Edwin Marshall-NY City Dept. of City Planning, John Mulvey-Councilmember Halloran Dist. 19 Queens, Jeffrey Dugan-Resident, Susan Revries-Dyckman Farmhouse, Bill Wagner-IRS, Brianna Bailey, Braden Smith-Pace University, K. Clarke, Yvonne Stennett-Community League of the Heights(CLOTH), Richard Sutton, Samik Shah-Urban Quotient, Charles Mason Isha Soni-Columbia, Ryan Remstad, Pat Courtney-Volunteers of Isham Park, Chelsea Berry-Hill-Pratt, Margaret Molliss, Rita Gorman, Arvelia Myers-Tennis Association

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.
2. Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin welcomed committee members and guests. He provided a brief overview of the relocation of CUNY in the Heights from the Good Shepherd School at 620 Isham Street to 5030 Broadway (formerly the Verizon Building) and noted that, since 5030 Broadway is located in a C8-4 zoning district which does not permit school uses, CUNY is requesting a Mayoral Override of zoning to facilitate the relocation. A representative of CUNY will attend the December meeting of the Land Use Committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") to discuss the project further. He also stated that community board comment on a Mayoral Override of zoning is not required and the Department of City Planning is only advised by the Mayor's office that the action is to be taken. However, since Community Board 12-Manhattan ("CB12-M") was briefed at a General Meeting, a few months ago, with regard to the relocation and expressed support for the move, Land Use and CB12-M should formally express this support by way of a resolution to the Mayor's office.
3. John Mulvey, Legislative Director for City Councilman Dan Halloran (Queens) discussed Intros 650 and 651 with the Committee. The two bills are intended to strengthen the role of community boards in the zoning variance process. Mr. Mulvey stated that currently the Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") has the final word on zoning variances, does not have to follow the recommendation of community boards, and at times approves zoning variances that are inappropriate for the area. A few examples of inappropriate variances that were approved by BSA in Queens were cited.

Intro 651, on which Councilman Robert Jackson is a co-sponsor, would create an appeals process whereby either the community board or the borough board can appeal to the City Council within 30 days of a BSA finding. The City Council would then hold a public hearing and make a

determination on the BSA finding. Intro 651, if adopted, would create an administrative route instead of litigation to challenge a BSA finding.

Intro 650 addresses the expiration of zoning variances and is intended to bring the beneficiaries of zoning variances back to the community board. Intro 650, if adopted, would require BSA to give recipients of zoning variances notice six months prior to the expiration of the term of the variance that a renewal application is required. BSA currently does not provide notice of pending expiring variances. Also, currently there is no penalty for operating with an expired variance.

Mr. Mulvey stated that Intros 650 and 651 each have bi-partisan support and are pending further review.

Following are some of the questions raised by the Committee. Are the proposed fines sufficient? Are the fines the same for repeat offenders? Can BSA cross-reference with the Department of Consumer Affairs to identify businesses that are operating with expired variances? Why does the Community Board only have 30 days in which to request an appeal? Why not give the City Council the direct ability to review BSA variances through as it does other land use items?

The Committee advised Mr. Mulvey that it believed the Community Board would likely be generally supportive of Intros 650 and 651 but that it required more information in order to pass a resolution to present to the full board, and that, it looked forward to receiving further details on the matter.

4. Yvonne Stennett of the Community League of the Heights ("CLOTH") and Samir Shar, architect, made a presentation to the Committee on a mixed-use (daycare and residential) development project proposed for 2660 Amsterdam Avenue at 172nd Street. The site is a vacant city-owned lot on which a school was to be constructed; the school was built elsewhere. Ms. Stennett and Mr. Shah advised that Committee that two development scenarios are being considered – one is as-of-right under the site's R7-2 zoning, the other would require the site to be rezoned to R8A, a contextual zoning district. The as-of-right development contains approximately 35 units of affordable housing; the rezoning development option contains 51 units of affordable housing. Each development scenario has the same density - a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 6.5 assuming Community Facility use. Given the site's current zoning the maximum residential density is a FAR of 4, assuming compliance with Quality Housing requirements. In each scenario a day care facility will occupy the lower floors of the building. However, since day care uses cannot be located above 2nd floor in a building, there is more community facility FAR allowable than is needed for the daycare. The project does not qualify for a BSA zoning variance that would permit the unneeded community facility FAR to be converted to residential use. Rezoning to R8A would allow for the residential density, and therefore the number of units, to increase. Ms. Stennett stated that the project is in the early stages of design and committed to keep the Committee informed as it progresses.
5. Edwin Marshall of the Department of City Planning ("DCP") made a presentation to the Committee on rezoning actions that DCP has approved in Upper Manhattan. Mr. Marshall stated that DCP has approved three rezoning actions in Upper Manhattan – East Harlem, Frederick Douglass Boulevard and 125th Street. He also stated that since 2002 DCP has approved approximately 115 rezoning actions, most either seek to protect existing context or incentivize new development – some are a mix of the two.

Edwin stated that in 2003, when the Frederick Douglass Boulevard rezoning was approved, the 44-block area that was subject to the rezoning had a high rate of vacant land and buildings, including many large sites. This created extensive development opportunities. The goals of the rezoning included encouraging new investment and development and humanizing the scale of new development - discouraging towers and encouraging six-to eight-story buildings in the mid-block and up to 12-story buildings on the avenues. The rezoned area is now referred to Central Harlem's restaurant row, its Gold Coast and its condo alley.

Edwin stated that the rezoning action approved in East Harlem had similar goals as the Frederick Douglass Boulevard rezoning. Community Board 11 worked closely with Civitas to craft the goals and objectives for the rezoning. Density was increased (up zoned) along avenues, decreased (down zoned) in areas of with an existing brownstone scale and context, and illegal retail establishments on East 116th Street were legalized via a new commercial zoning overlay.

Edwin advised the Committee that the 125th Street rezoning was one of the most complex rezoning actions approved by DCP. It involved three community boards (9, 10 and 11), is centered on the main street of Harlem, and had to respond to significant new projects planned for development on 125th Street. The rezoning sought to maintain the character of 125th Street, encourage higher scale development on 125th Street, encourage lower the scale development on 124th and 126th Streets in response to the existing building fabric of these two streets, incentivize the provision of space for arts and culture uses and enliven 125th Street at night.

Edwin stated that these three rezoning actions were very nuanced and tailored to the goals, objectives and character of the areas that were rezoned. In pursuing its rezoning, he noted, Community Board 12-M will also want to consider a similar approach. He also stated that any rezoning action undergoes a thorough environmental review.

6. Pat Courtney, representing Volunteers for Isham Park, and Chelsea Berry-Hill, a student from Pratt made a presentation to the Committee to update it on the work done to-date to explore prospects for historic district designation in Inwood. Pat stated that the Historic District Council selected Inwood as one of its "Six to Celebrate" in the fall of 2010 and that the proposed study area encompasses everything from Dyckman Street north. The Committee was advised that there are 523 buildings in the study area, information has been obtained on 86% of the buildings, 35% of the buildings were constructed in the 1920s and that the architectural styles present in the study area include Tudor Revival, Mediterranean Revival, Greek Revival, Romanesque and Art Deco. Pat also advised the Committee that the three primary architects of the buildings in the large historic district recently designated in the South Bronx are also the same architects who designed most of the buildings in Inwood. She also stated that HDC has offered to publish a walking tour of the area and that at present nine potential historic districts have been indentified, including an Isham Park District, an Art Deco District, a Dyckman Street District, a Small House District and a West 204th Street District. Pat also stated that the study area is very large and that more attention needs to be given to the area east of Broadway.

The Committee enthusiastically applauded the work undertaken by the Volunteers for Isham Park to explore historic district designation in Inwood and suggested that it would be ideal if the presentation made to the Committee could also be made to the full board.

7. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne A. Benjamin

Committee for the Concerns for Aging

November 15, 2011

Committee Members Present

Gloria Vanterpool, chairperson
Edgard Nau, Asst. Chairperson
Betty Lehman

Public Members

Norma De Candido

Other CB 12 Members Present: Richard Lewis

Guests: Maxine Horne, CCNY student , Anabel Guerrero, Isabella Institute.

Meeting convened at 10:15am by chairperson, Gloria Vanterpool
Warm welcome extended to all

Committee Reports

Betty Lehmann , Director of Marketing & Communications, Isabella Geriatric Center-

-explained that there are changes that will be taking place with respect to certain programs within New York State. Long Term Home Health Health Care Programs will be directly affected in that they will need to work closely with Managed Long Term Care organizations in order to coordinate care. The guidelines for this arrangement are still being set , but the implementation of this coordination is targeted to begin in April 2011. Dr. Edgar Nau also indicated that he is aware of these pending changes. The details of these changes are yet to be finalized and the Board will be kept apprised of the details as they become known.

Harmon Moats – Coordinator, Stroke and Critical Division/ Neurological Institute

-reported on a survey being conducted door-to-door to assist in the improvement of health/community-based services. 2500 people have been interviewed by a 5 person bi-lingual team. Their goal is to reach 12,000 interviews. They are requesting help in reaching housing coops and other tenant groups to be informed of this survey so they can gain access to individuals for interviews

WHICOA Conference

All present were reminded of the scheduled conference held on Nov. 10 at Isabella Geriatric Center Betty Lehmann gave a summary on the success of the conference.

Pedestrian & Sidewalks- City Bench

A packet was distributed describing an initiative to increase the amount of public seating on NYC streets. It offers the opportunity for individuals to recommend locations within the city for bench installations. A request form was included in the packet to be filled out and sent to DOT.

Web site for further info: www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/sidewalks/city_bench.chtml

*A question was asked from the floor on Medicare Open Enrollment which ends on Dec. 7th. The individual needed some info for her mother who resides in our local nursing home. She was advised by our committee member the name of the person to speak with. It was suggested that she assume a more active role in assisting her parent with info on available options .
Further issues that were mentioned will be discussed fully at our next meeting

Next month's meeting: December 13th @ 10:15 am.

Topic: Innovative Senior Centers

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – November 3, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon (chair), James Amodeo, Isaiah Bing, David Kach, Elizabeth Lehmann, Edgard Nau, Pamela Palanque North (ex-officio), Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Helen Morik, Raybblin Vargas.

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Allman, George Espinal, Richard Lewis

GUESTS: Martin Collins and Juan Rosa, Council Member Jackson's office; Henry Ehrhardt, NYC Dept. of Sanitation; Julio Batista, New York-Presbyterian Hospital; Kristien Kahn and Robert Giannasca, NYU College of Nursing; Phyllis Smizaski, Jayne Porcelli, Tracy Kay, Mary Anne Christopher, Rita McKee, Melanie Yolles, Jeremy Eagle, Rafael Escano, Eleanor Johnson, Joris Stuyck, Michael Jimenez, local residents; Gloria Pazmino, Manhattan Times.

Steve Simon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Public Hearing regarding a proposal to reduce street cleaning and alternate-side-of-the-street parking (ASP) by one day throughout Community District 12

The chair explained that community boards are authorized to request a reduction in street cleaning or ASP days when their districts have average street cleanliness ratings of at least 90% for two consecutive fiscal years. This power was granted to the boards by Local Law 30 of 2011, which was passed by the City Council on April 28 and signed by the Mayor on May 16. Community District 12 had an average rating of 92.1% acceptably clean streets in Fiscal Year 2010 and 92.3% in FY 2011. He read a description of the methodology used by the Mayor's Office of Operations in calculating the street cleanliness ratings, which only deal with streets and not sidewalks. (Each district gets a separate rating for sidewalks.) He said reducing ASP days would be beneficial to the community, not only to drivers, who would not have to drive around looking for parking spaces (or a place to double-park), but also to non-drivers such as himself, who would be able to breathe less polluted air. The law provides that the previous ASP schedule may be restored if the district's street cleanliness ratings fall under 90% for three consecutive months or for two consecutive fiscal years.

Martin Collins read a statement on behalf of Council Member Robert Jackson in support of the proposed resolution. He noted that CD 12's street cleanliness ratings actually have exceeded 90% for the last three fiscal years and that CB 12 would be the first Manhattan community board to request an ASP reduction under this law, which both local Council Members Jackson and Rodriguez co-sponsored.

Various other speakers also spoke on this topic. Those in favor of the resolution said the following: we should give the ASP reduction a chance, the sweepers are not efficient and spew dirt into the air, our carbon footprint would be reduced, many freelancers lose valuable working time by having to move their cars, etc.

Richard Allman: The other communities where ASP has been reduced (Bronx 8, Brooklyn 6 & 7) are satisfied with this change. It will add a couple of hours a week back to my life.

Those opposed to the resolution said the following: The ratings are not accurate because the streets are not that clean, the reduction in street sweeping would cause dirtier streets, some areas in the community would be dirtier than others, cars would be more susceptible to crime if they weren't moved, etc.

Rita McKee: We don't need fewer services, we need more. Ask DOT for angle parking and parking garages.

Henry Ehrhardt, Director - Customer Relations, NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY): CB 7-Brooklyn is the only district to get the ASP reduction under Local 30 and that another board is voting on it tonight. Bronx 8 and Brooklyn 6 were granted the reduction by the Sanitation Commissioner under a department policy in effect before the law was enacted. DSNY asked these boards to do an outreach campaign to remind property owners, managers and supers that they still must clean sidewalks and the streets 18" from the curb after the ASP reduction goes into effect. In these districts, DSNY has added sweeping on commercial streets, which are not affected by the ASP reduction. Commercial streets used to be swept twice a day citywide; as a result of budget cuts, it's now done only once a day. Days and times of sweeping on residential streets may change. DSNY will consult with the board on new routes and other changes.

Responding to comments about the streets sweepers (aka mechanical brooms), he said that these trucks do collect a lot of litter and that they are being replaced every 7-9 years.

Q: How long will it take to implement the change if CB 12 votes for resolution?

A: May take a year or less. It will take 6-7 months for DSNY to give info to DOT on route changes and then that agency has to install new signs...Restoring ASP would cost time and money.

The hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m. The committee members then discussed the resolution. Simon/Kach moved that the resolution be approved. It was adopted by the following vote:

Committee Members	7-0-0
Public Member	1-0-0
Other Community Board Members	3-0-0
Members of the Public	8-5-0

2. **Special Presentation, "An Inconvenient Truth – updated"** – Nathan Currier, The Climate Reality Project, gave a Powerpoint presentation. Some of the points he made follow:
 - Every year the Arctic ice cap is melting; it is headed down to zero.
 - Earth has a lot of stored carbon. The US would become uninhabitable if stored methane is released.
 - Earth has been experiencing severe weather changes. Just in the last year: floods in Pakistan, Australia, South Korea, China, India. The flood in Mississippi and Tennessee last year was a once in 1,000-year event.
 - We have seen some of the largest storms in history in recent years.
 - Climate change is making these events more probable.
 - The opponents claim there are multiple causes. Same argument was used to try to disprove connection between smoking and cancer.
 - As atmosphere warms, it holds more water vapor.
 - The number of rainstorms with more than an inch of rain per hour in the continental U.S. has increased by 30% over the last few decades.
 - Added heat increases evaporation more quickly from the soil, making droughts deeper and longer.
 - 387 million people have been affected by drought this year.
 - World food prices have increased as a result.
 - All national academies of science around the world agree that climate change is real.
 - Highest temperatures ever recorded in various countries in recent years. NYC hit high point on July 22. Nighttime heat records throughout U.S. this summer.
 - 10 hottest years on record have all been after 1998.
 - Last time carbon dioxide was as high as it is now was 20 million years ago, according to scientists.
 - In 300-1,000 years, most of Manhattan will be under water.

What Can You Do?

 - Make consumer choices that reduce energy use.
 - Consider environmental impact of items you buy.
 - Change laws.
3. **New York-Presbyterian Hospital Report** – In Helen Morik's absence, Julio Batista, Director, Community Affairs, said that pediatric psychiatry staff would attend the committee's next meeting to discuss the closing of five school-based mental health clinics and answer the committee's questions. He said these clinics had been funded by grants from foundations, not from the state or city governments.
4. **Old Business**
 - **Brownfield Cleanup Program, 4566 Broadway** – S. Simon reported that the Remedial Investigation Report has still not been released by the state. The project manager at NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation told him that no contamination from the brownfield site was found in the buildings on Nagle Avenue that were tested and letters affirming that fact were sent to the property owners. S. Simon obtained a copy of the letter sent to the YM-YWHA of Washington Heights-Inwood, which stated: "The analytic results from the March 14, 2011 sampling of the indoor air did not reveal any concentrations of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) exceeding the 90th percentile background values. ...'No Further Action' is required." However, a problem was found where a dry cleaner had been located at 21Nagle Ave. A decision has to be made on what type of monitoring will be required, which is holding up completion of the report.

- **Fire at North River Sewage Treatment Plant** – S. Simon reported that DEP has determined the cause of the serious fire that occurred there last July. He read from an article in the NY Times, which stated that DEP issued a report that concluded the fire “was probably caused by a single improperly tightened nut...the agency’s analysis suggests that a nut connecting a fuel injector to its pump was either tightened too much or too little during routine maintenance in June.” Copies of the DEP Commissioner’s statement and the executive summary from the report were distributed.
I. Bing: There was a time lapse when DEP should have been able to do something. They could have restored power, but Con Ed had a problem. A transformer apparently failed. The plant only treats 90% of the effluent; the rest is raw sewage that goes into the river. That’s not good enough.
 - **Con Edison M29 project** – The weekly update was distributed and discussed. It was agreed that Con Ed’s new community liaison should be invited to give a report to the committee.
 - **NYPH’s AIM Clinic** – P. North suggested that the committee follow up on the offer by NYPH to have CB 12 take a tour of the AIM clinic to see how it may be accommodating senior citizen patients who utilized the former practice at 99 Fort Washington Ave.
5. **New Business** – P. North suggested that the committee look into the substance abuse treatment programs being offered at the Edgecombe Correctional Facility. S. Simon said H&E could work with the Public Safety Committee on this issue.
 6. **Mail** was reviewed.
 7. **Announcements** – B. Lehmann: Isabella is holding a recognition ceremony for caregivers on Monday. The WH-I Council on Aging is holding its annual conference, “The Perfect Storm,” on having to provide more services “when resources are shrinking and expectations are rising,” next Thursday.
P. North: CB 12 members are invited to the Columbia University football game at Baker Field on Nov. 19. The Borough President is holding a reception for CB members at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Nov. 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Steve Simon

Health & Environment and Traffic & Transportation Committees

Resolution Requesting that the Sanitation Department Reduce Street Cleaning By One Day a Week throughout Community District 12M

November 2011

- WHEREAS:** Local Law 30 of 2011 allows community boards to request that the Department of Sanitation reduce the frequency of street cleaning by one day each week in districts where street cleaning is scheduled for more than one day each week on each side of the street and where the district achieves average street cleanliness acceptability ratings in the Mayor's Office of Operations Scorecard program of at least 90% for the two consecutive fiscal years prior to the request being made; and
- WHEREAS:** Community District 12-Manhattan satisfies both of these requirements since it has street cleaning or alternate-side-of-the-street parking (ASP) on more than one day each week on its residential streets and it also has achieved street cleanliness acceptability ratings above 90% in both Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011; and
- WHEREAS:** The average percentage of acceptably clean streets in CD 12M was 92.1% in Fiscal Year 2010 (July 2009 – June 2010), and the average percentage was 92.3% in Fiscal Year 2011 (July 2010 – June 2011); and
- WHEREAS:** Reducing the number of street cleaning or ASP days not only would justly reward the residents of Washington Heights-Inwood for improving the cleanliness of our streets and sidewalks, as the law permits, but it would also significantly improve the quality of life for local residents who own cars by sparing them the inconvenience of having to move their cars once a week, reduce air pollution in our community by eliminating carbon monoxide exhaust from cars that are being driven around by drivers searching for new parking spaces on ASP days and allow the Sanitation Department to redeploy its staff in our district where they are needed; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED:** Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon the Department of Sanitation to reduce the frequency of street cleaning by one day each week throughout Washington Heights-Inwood in view of the fact that our district satisfies the requirements of Local Law 30 of 2011; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon the Department of Sanitation to consult with the board on any changes in local service delivery planned in response to this request and to increase the sweeping of commercial streets, the frequency of trash basket collections and the number of litter baskets throughout the district once the new street cleaning schedule is implemented.

This resolution was approved by the following votes:

H&E Committee Members	7-0-0	T&T Committee Members	4-0-1
Public Member	1-0-0	Members of the Public	2-1-2
Other CB 12 Members	3-0-0		
Members of the Public	8-5-0		

Housing and Human Services Committee Meeting

November 3, 2011

7:00pm

Committee Members Present:

George Fernandez, III, MSW, Chair
Alyce Smith

Committee Members Absent:

Mireya Cruz-Diaz
Melanie Hidalgo
Carol Mulligan
Gabriela Rosa

CB12 Members Attending:

Richard Lewis
George Espinal

George Fernandez introduced himself and other members, They include:

- Rodolfo Estrada, Executive Director – Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights and Services and he will present Immigration Rights and Services
 - Mr. Estrada is a former member of CB#9
 - NMCIR educates and organizes immigrants though out NYS
 - Involved with Northern Manhattan and citywide
 - National campaign against secured communities
 - Recognized by Bureau of Immigration
 - Has a team of paralegals who work with those who may not have access to immigration legal services
 - Worked with about 6000 families a year with approximately, 30 walk-ins a day who are applying for citizenship, or want to know what their rights are, don't speak or read English
 - Work with mainly Spanish speaking people from Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Columbia and Mexico
 - Most of clients are over 46 years old
 - Services include ESL, teach 5 week civics for citizen exam, 12 week Dept. of Homeland Security grant to train 100 citizens to meet status as a citizen, green cards
 - Good moral character is big issue
 - Gay citizens aren't help because laws are from federal government
 - Mr. Estrada has been invited to come speak before the General assembly

- Dmitri Daniel Glinski, Executive Director and Alex Yegudin – *American Association of Jews from the Former USSR* serving the Washington Heights and Inwood area
 - This organization is new in Washington Heights/Inwood formed for Russian speaking community
 - Resources are not yet forthcoming
 - 8th largest immigrant group in the US, 3rd largest in NYC, 5th largest in Manhattan, 2nd largest after Spanish community in our district according to American Community Survey
 - In Northern Manhattan 8 – 10,000 settled

Housing and Human Services Committee Meeting

November 3, 2011

7:00pm

- Some identify as Russian Jews, Orthodox Christianity and some don't identify with any religion
- Most of Social services were provided by American Jewish Agencies who conducted systematic research on community needs
- This research was mainly with Russian Jews in 2002
- 43% arrived with college degrees, but only 45% were employed and 38% lived below the federal threshold at that time which was about \$9,000
- Jewish Agencies were only group that hired Russian Jews, and no Russian Jews were on Corporate Boards
- There has been no community organization for Russian speaking people in Northern Manhattan & Bronx
- Russian speaking community not represented in key areas in proportion to American Civil Society
- American Association of Jews formerly from USSR was started in Brooklyn 1989
- Was need for an organization that could bring Russian speakers across different cultures
- Member of Russian Immigration Coalition since 1994
- Active in Interfaith, Interethnic Projects
- March to Washington for welfare reform for elderly Russian immigrants who had no citizenship card
- 4th largest group of people to be deported from this country are Ukraine and the 6th largest people to be deported are from Russia
- 60% Russian Jews speak no English
- Board of Election doesn't translate to Russian
- Held joint event at St. Elizabeth Church on Oct. 23rd regarding forum on housing with Spanish translation
- New Executive Order by Gov. Cuomo requires translation of documents by state agencies into 6 languages
- Services:
 - Every Agency should have a Russian speaker
 - Translation of Russian on websites
 - Entitlements from Dept. of Aging regarding benefits
 - Informal education about issues in the community
 - Fund Raise
 - Mr. Glinski and Mr. Yegudin will attend General Meeting
- Leigh Quarles, Program Manager – WICER (Washington Heights & Inwood Informatics Infrastructure for Community –Centered Comparative Effectiveness Research) Community Survey
 - Columbia University is looking to gather health information so doctors can study the causes of disease and compare the different methods of preventing, diagnosing and treating health conditions
 - There will be 12,000 interviews at random
 - Data will be saved in a health data warehouse
 - Database open to public, but will apply to Governing Board
 - Ms. Quarles will attend General Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

The Youth and Education Committee
Monday, November 7, 2011
711 West 168th Street, New York, New York 10032

Committee Members: Fe Florimon, Chair; Raybblin Vargas, Assistant Chair; Maria Luna; Gabriela Rosa; Manny De Los Santos, Alyce Smith

Excused: None

Absent: Leonardo Blackman; Pastor William Devlin; Angelo Ortiz

Staff Member: Frances Escaño

Guest: Miguelina Zorrilla Aristy, Representative of Public Advocate Office

Public Member: Jacob Morris

Meeting called to order on November 7, 2011 at: 7:35pm

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 in the following manners:

- ✓ Due to the lack of attendance of the general public, the presenter Miguelina Zorrilla Aristy, Constituent Associate for the Public Advocate Office and who appeared to substituted Ms. Sadye Vassil, Community Organizer also a Representative for the Public Advocate Office, as well as Members of the Committee agreed to reschedule her presentation for the meeting of December 5, 2011.
- ✓ Chair stated that the lack of attendance could be attributed to the 99% Wall Street Movement in which many residents of the Washington Heights and Inwood community including committee members of CB12, participated. Lots of them walked from West 181 Street & St Nicholas further down to the Zaccotti Park.

Old/New Business:

- ✓ Chair, provided an update on the Education System based on a written article issued by the Gotham Schools Digest. Very soon Chair said DOE will be launching a new parent training program for parents and parent coordinators with the hope to enhance the involvement of parents in the education system. According to Ms. Florimon, the article states that the DOE will replicate programs model from other cities. Presently, a proposed model is titled "parent university", which is being used in the school district of North Carolina, and it is expected to begin in New York City in the school year of 2012-2013.
- ✓ Chair also announced that next week she will be attending to a meeting with both, new Superintendent of District 6, and Superintendent of the Bronx/Manhattan to catch up with latest in the district.

Remarks: Chair ended the meeting by thanking all participants.

Adjourned at: 8:22 pm