

Community Board 12, Manhattan
General Meeting-June 26, 2012
NYPH-Vivian & Seymour Milstein Family Heart Center
The Riverview Terrace
173 Ft. Washington Avenue
bet. W. 165th & W. 168th Street

PRESENT

Richard Allman	Yosef Kalinsky
James J. Amodeo	Elizabeth M.
Anita Barberis	Lehmann
Wayne Benjamin	Richard R. Lewis
James Berlin	Edgar Nau
Dulce Bueno	Pamela Palanque-
Aldemar De Jesus	North
Diaz	Edith Prentiss
Michael Diaz	Harlan Pruden
George Fernandez	Zead Ramadan
Fe Florimon	Robert Reynolds
Nicole Alexandra	Tamara Rivera
Foster	Victor Santos
Mitchell Glenn	Steve Simon
Leandro Hidalgo	Christopher Smith
Ernest David Kach	Raybblin Vargas
Ellen Kackman	Anina Young

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Isaiah Bing
 Rolando Cespedes
 Manny De Los Santos
 William T. Devlin
 Ariel Ferreira
 Melanie Hidalgo
 Michael Jimenez
 Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter
 Maria Luna
 Jay Mazur
 Helen Morik
 Carole Mulligan
 Angelo Ortiz
 Gabriella Rosa
 Angela Sanchez
 Alyce Smith
 Gloria Vanterpool

The General Meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Pamela Palanque-North at 7:10pm.

Chair's Report

- Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Department of Buildings vacated 552 Academy Street due to 1000 violations against it
 - Tenants were able to get their belongings and helped by community leaders CLOTH, Red Cross, CM Rodriguez, State Senator Espailat, CM Jackson and other community leaders
 - The building secured a loan to gut and rehabilitate the building thanks to the tenacity of CLOTH and our elected officials with support from HPD
 - Tenants will be back in 15-18 months
 - CB12 had passed a strong resolution that supported the efforts of rehabbing this building as there was concern regarding who would pay for this
- Chair discussed New York Times article regarding a bill that has surfaced from an upstate legislator allowing a catering business located inside a church to get a liquor license. The catering business happens to be two doors to the north of a church. State law prohibits the issuance of a liquor license to a business that is within 200 feet of a school or place of worship, but the proposed bill would carve out an exception for the caterer allowing it to serve liquor.
 - Chair feels we must keep an eye on legislators who override the SLA rulings as we don't want this to happen in our community
- Chair thanked Land Use Committee and its Chair and Assistant Chair for hard work regarding resolution that became a model for Borough Board's waterfront revitalization
- Chair want to acknowledge Edith Prentiss who was honored for her tireless work with support of disability persons in the community
- July 12th at the Stan Michels Promenade Event from 7-9pm, cocktails, lite dinner for family members and community partners
- Community Board is a nonpolitical entity, but those vying for leadership and trying to represent the community, we wish them well
- Chair would like to publicly recognize those Chairs and their assistants, staff of and members of the Board who issue all the resolutions; the meeting; coordinate our partners; get these meeting going; think through the resolutions; illicit support of the Board and Community; they work hard and we are grateful
- Have a Great and Safe Summer, see you July 10 and July 12th.

District Manager's Report - Ebenezer Smith

- Please RSVP and let Ebenezer know you will be attending the Board event on July 12th at Ft. Tryon Park.
- Have had two rodent seminar set up and there will be a third. June 30th at the Inwood Library from 1-3pm; July 11th at 5030 Broadway, 6th FL, 5:30-7:30pm; July 18th awaiting confirmation from Department of Health
- Reconstruction of Wadsworth Terrace as Ebenezer has been fighting for this to happen since 2007
- Reconstruction of High Bridge Park
- Alexander Hamilton Bridge starting in July one lane of traffic will be closed
- 33rd & 34th Precinct reports crime has gone down.
 - They are working to prevent a disorderly 4th of July especially unsafe handling of fireworks
 - Tuesday after Memorial Day, CB12 received phone calls and emails from residents about noise, illegal barbecue and motorcycles, etc. We notified the 33rd, 34th Fire Department and District Service Cabinet Meeting.
- Department of Environmental Protection inform us that we are going to have the HEAT Program second week in July. The Program work with teenagers to teach them how to safely open fire hydrants
- DOT has done several repairs in the Inwood District and they have removed 65 pairs of sneakers from lamppost located on West 213th between 10th Avenue and Broadway
- Dot has restored a bus stop sign on Broadway between 207th and Isham and repaired a large hole on 207th and Academy. They also did temporary repair on a 6 foot deep sinkhole on Cooper Street on 207th and Academy
- Thanked his staff for helping this season and thanked Julio and hospital for the great venue and wish each one of you a healthy summer.

Elected Officials' Reports

Borough President Representative – Ingrid Sotelo

- BP thank CB12 for being present at the Stop and Frisk March
- BP attended the LGBTQ Parade and some of CB members came out for that
- BP want to thank CB members for work done throughout the year and thank new members for the past few months and look forward to seeing us in September
- Have a good summer and Ingrid will be around. If anyone need to contact her call 212.531.2277.

We have a Quorum

Motion to adopt the agenda and the minutes with corrections was seconded

Assembly Member Herman D. Farrell, Jr.

- Commented on the need to cut back on the amount of bars on Dyckman Street
- Nice session in Albany and were able to pass the budget on time; they had cuts, but were able to solve them.
 - Housing situation was not good for those who live in Coops.
 - Mayor has not passed the bill for continuation of abatement
 - It will be treated as if abatement is in place.
 - Bill has problems in terms of what can be done to affect the people living in houses where landlords are using these programs to drive people out; not to help the buildings. We will be negotiating more of that in December when Assembly is back in session
 - His district has been reapportioned and ends at Dyckman
 - Finished session on time
 - Have a nice quiet summer.

Public Speakers' Session

Sandra Harris and Patrick Burke – Columbia University Medical Center Education Building

- CUMC has a new medical graduate building being built at 106 Haven Avenue. It will be 11,500 sq. ft., 14 story graduate and medical education building and they will be redeveloping Tower 2 with an accessible walkway
- Next six to nine months they will be dismantling by hand the existing building using clean construction practices.
- Construction hours are 8am – 4:30pm
- Q&A followed

Edith Prentiss – Community Resident

- Want community to be aware and concerned about idling trucks, vehicles and buses and want to know what MTA will be doing with buses when the bus station goes under construction.

Jacob Morris – NYPL CLP Resolution

- Presenting resolution and asking City Council to do an economic impact study on Central Library Plan which will cost taxpayers \$350 million. The main branch will be gutted and they are selling two branches; Mid-Manhattan and Science & Industry Building

Jennifer Zarr – Fort Washington Library

- NYPL in partnership with the Department of Education will be having a summer reading program, www.summerreading.org
- Inwood Branch, Global Partners, 9-12 years old will be learning about being global citizens around world and in their community from July 9th – August 15th, www.nyc.gov/globalpartners/shtml

Roselyn Lopez – Big Apple Rx

- She has been educating people about Mayor Bloomberg's initiative of free prescription discount cards that is accepted at most pharmacies throughout the five boroughs

Leah Holzel – Vida Enterprises

- Would not like Vida Enterprises to receive liquor license because they have been the target of numerous disturbances of peace over the past several years and have not honored it's binding agreement with the City Council and this CB
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Katherine O'Sullivan – Dyckman Businesses Liquor License Renewal

- Has been led to believe city has ordinance about maximum of three license per city block. Think it should be resurrected if it doesn't exist
- Thinks there are enough liquor selling outlets in area and would like to see the number reduced
- Backs slow zone from Dyckman to 218th Street to stop motor bikes
- Getty Gas Station acts as valet parking lot on weekends with as many as 25 cards on premises

Janet Handy – Inwood Canoe Club, Treasurer

- Club is located south of Dyckman between River and Amtrak line
- Path is being paved and only way to get to boat house
- Construction company put up a gate and has denied access as they are asking for an insurance requirement that club cannot fill.
- No insurer will insure that path, therefore, no public program
- Parks has been working with them and they would like access before next open house

Pat Courtney – Inwood Historic Districts

- Thanked CB12 General Meeting, Land Use, and parks for supporting Historic District efforts made this spring
- There are Walking Tour Guides available giving highlights of neighborhood
- You can contact Volunteers for Isham Park or volunteersforishampark@gmail.com

Anna Marchena – Million Trees & Duarte Triangle

- She is following up on request for renaming Duarte Triangle to Imia Conda Triangle. What should she do?
- Also, do the newly planted trees the city provides have tree guards? Are they available through the Parks Department for purchase?
- She saw a police officer handing out pamphlets about "securing your electronics at the 181st train station and thinks he could have been used some where more important

Amla Sanghi – Slow Traffic in Inwood

- Has lived on Payson Avenue for 18 years and get lots of traffic that avoids tolls. Would like a traffic light

Claudette Woods-Green & MiHata Almeida – St Luke Hospital

- New program working with children who are sexually and commercially trafficked with funding from ACS
- Teenagers are moved out of the street into homes and they do family therapy.
- They have a Family Treatment Rehabilitative Service (FTR) that provides intensive in-home services to caregivers and adolescents who have mental health or substance abuse issues
- Are able to service 30 more families from CB12 area

David Thom – Support for DOT Slow Zone – Park Terrace North Block Association

- Spearheaded support for slow zone and DOT has accepted their application for slow zone, one of 13 out of hundreds. DOT issued revised maps and that is why need of resolution tonight

Maggie Clarke – Dyckman Street Noise – Founder/President DIN Action

- 33 year resident of Inwood West Riverside Drive
- Co-Founder of Dyckman Inwood Noise
- In favor of slow zone
- Also in favor of business that support retail needs of residents, but against SAO restaurant getting a liquor license to make it the 10th liquor and wine license in a two block stretch on Dyckman. Please vote against this 10th insult to neighborhood and also vote against Mamajuana.
- Need CB to work with CM Jackson on new legislation for licenses for nightclubs because nightclubs are not covered for specific issues that community has needed to deal with.

OSI Karminer – Board Member Park Terrace Gardens

- Urge CB12 to support slow zone application.
- Mature street trees study, please don't kill trees

Ramon Toribio – Vive Tu Vida

- Trying to start cooking class for Task force that has anti-obesity campaign going at Columbia
- Want to make every kitchen in Northern Manhattan healthy
- Wants to put a counter that rings every time someone eats healthy

Joris Stuyck & Alexandra Woods – Inwood Canoe Club

- Canoe Club had built up a robust open house. It brings in families and teach them about water safety, kayaking and perform services for Parks as they have maintained the pathway that goes to the club and have undertaken erosion project to stop erosion on land next to the club
- May lose momentum of this program as they survive on voluntary donations
- Coordinating the water quality testing in all five boroughs on a weekly basis with DEP
- Inviting all to come and visit the club on Sundays

Committee Reports

Housing & Human Services – George Fernandez, Chair

- Refer to the minutes
- Items tabled for September Meeting include:
 - Tenants Bill of Rights
 - Discussion on Elevator Issues with CD 12
 - Rent Guideline Board hiked the rent 2% for one year and 4% for two years. When your lease expires, this will take effect
 - Albany did nothing with J51 and we will have committee rankings in September
- Resolution to support accessible housing and reasonable accommodations for residents with disabilities in CB12
 - Vote: in favor (31) opposed (0) abstain (1)
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Youth & Education - Fe Florimon, Chair & Health & Environment - Steve Simon, Chair

- Joint resolution from Youth and Health from presentation made concerning making the kitchen available at the newly build Community Health Academy of the Heights which will open early next year on West 158th Street
 - The principal wants the kitchen to become a community resource
 - Friendly amendment accepted
 - VOTE: in favor (30) opposed (0) abstain (0) not voting (1)
- This bill has been sitting in the Assembly since 2008 and it's asking to amend the education law to grant parents and guardians the ability to attain bus services for their disabled children.
 - VOTE: in favor (31) opposed (0) abstain (0) not voting (1)

- Asking support for renovation of the Stephen A. Schwarzman New York Public Library
 - This is to get an open hearing so that the community can provide their input, assumption is that this is being done behind closed doors
- Clarification on this resolution
 - The libraries are facing budget cuts and until this is resolved we are asking to postpone this project. We are still facing those cuts, so there is no reason to act on the CLP.

Traffic & Transportation – Yosef Kalinsky, Chair

- Has six resolutions
 - #1 – Bike paths – DOT did not begin study to find ways East, West, North, South for feasibility bike paths within our area. They want specifics so we gave to them a list by members of the community who know the streets and we recommended that they study them and get back to us and then we will vote again.
VOTE: in favor (31) opposed (0) abstain (0)
 - #2 – Support of the slow zone which we were the only community to be the first to do this.
VOTE: in favor (31) opposed (0) abstain (0)
 - #3 – DOT proposed Safe Streets for Seniors - Three designated areas they want to enhance and make it safer.
VOTE: in favor (31) opposed (0) abstain (0)
 - #4 – DOT School Safety Program
Repair on the streets to make it clearer for the crosswalks, and safer for pedestrians.
VOTE: in favor (31) opposed (0) abstain (0)
 - #5 – Co-naming J. Max Bond Jr. Way
VOTE: in favor (30) opposed (1) abstain (0)
 - #6 – Street co-naming guide lines
 - Travel & Transportation have created their own guidelines
If an organization want to have T&T to consider a street co=name, they will fill out specific information on their website. It's a six page process
T&T has accepted a friendly amendment that doesn't change message
VOTE: in favor (30) opposed (1) abstain (0)

Economic Development – Nicole Foster in for Ariel Ferreira

- No recommendations 7, 8, 11
- #7 Guliamo – previous owner had serious issues with SLA
 - New owner looking to purchase this location
 - Concern same problems will continue
 - Talk amongst committee should consider name change, owner not interested in changing name or hours of operation
 - Concern by Precinct and community about negative history continuing
 - VOTE: in favor (27) opposed (1) abstain (1)
 - #8 Vida enterprises SAO - Concern by Precinct too much concentration in neighborhood to justify adding a new license
 - VOTE: in favor (28) opposed (0) abstain (0) not voting (1)
- #11 181st Caridad Restaurant Inc – new item and no show
 - VOTE: in favor (29) opposed (0) abstain (0)
- Yes, recommendations with stipulations 1,2, 9
- #1 Trios Café & Lounge –security guards advise individuals who under the AD Act know there is a ramp for accessibility into the premises
VOTE: in favor (18) opposed (11) abstain (0)
- #2 Vida Café/Mamajuana
 - Precinct was in favor of them continuing their license and want them to continue to abide by deal set up by CM Jackson and other elected officials

- There was talk about the hours of operation in terms of the sidewalk café and they will be in compliance
- It's been made clear that sidewalk café should be shut down at 10pm and entire outside establishment broken down
- VOTE: in favor (8) opposed (19) abstain (0) not voting (1)
- #9 Pasapalos Inc. -- the 33rd Precinct was against this, but the community voted in favor of it
 - The stipulation that was added for this establishment was that their hours of operation
 - 10am – 11pm, Sunday – Wednesday
 - 10am – midnight, Thursday – Saturday
 - They had the option to return later on to ask for an expansion if they abided by all of the regulations for the SLA
 - VOTE: in favor (21) opposed (8) abstain (0)
 - #3- VOTE: in favor (29) opposed (0) abstain (0)
 - #4- VOTE: in favor (27) opposed (2) abstain (0)
 - #5 - VOTE: in favor (29) opposed (0) abstain (0)
 - #6- VOTE: in favor (28) opposed (1) abstain (0)
 - #8- VOTE: in favor (28) opposed (0) abstain (0) not voting (1)
 - #10- VOTE: in favor (23) opposed (6) abstain (0)

Parks & Cultural Affairs -Harlan Pruden, Chair

- Senior Swim hours for High Bridge Park, M-W-F, July 9th – August 4th 9am-11pm
- Security camera installed in Isham Park by the Memorial benches
- See minutes for Jay Hood Wright

New Business

- Resolution for Central Library Plan
VOTE: in favor (31) opposed (0) abstain (0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm
Submitted by Alyce Smith/Raybblin Vargas

Community Board 12 Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2012

Committee Members Present: Y. Kalinsky, M. Glenn, A. Barberis, J. Berlin, A. Diaz

Excused: R. Allman, E. Lorris-Ritter, E. Prentiss

Other Board Members Present: R. Lewis, G. Fernandez

Members of the Public: Caroline Pailliez (Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism), Arlene Schulman, Charles Eichacker, Alimur Rahman (NYC Department of Design & Construction), Garry Desyr (NYC Department of Design & Construction), Maria Centeno, Norberto Acevedo, Lent Holzel, Philip Swanton (Dewberry), D.A.

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.

The Committee has received e-mail messages from residents who live near La Marina regarding the traffic situation. Councilman Jackson will be holding a meeting at the public library to discuss the problem. This issue is the domain of four different Committees (Parks and Cultural Affairs, Traffic and Transportation, Economic Development and Public Safety) and it may also be discussed at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting. The topic was not addressed at length in this meeting because it will be dealt jointly by the Committees mentioned above. Various members of the public expressed concern over how much the situation has deteriorated over time and over the seemingly limited or inadequate response by the 34th Precinct. Suggestions were made as to how public safety can be improved by increasing – or at least continuing – the confiscation of motorcycles along the Dyckman strip, and how traffic flow can be improved by changing the synchronization of traffic lights at the intersections of Seaman Avenue, Payson Avenue, Riverside Drive and Broadway.

Agenda Item #1 (DDC - GWB Northbound retaining wall)

Philip Swanton of the Dewberry professional services firm presented a comprehensive explanation of the work to be performed on the retaining wall which supports the on ramp for the George Washington Bridge and the Cross Bronx Expressway at Riverside Drive. One of the reasons for which this work is required is that there is parapet damage which may have been caused when the wall was hit by a vehicle. Some of the original brickwork is missing and those areas have been patched using cobblestones. There are other cracks and bulges visible in the main wall which seems to be caused by water leaking from pipes under the ramp and pooling on the side of the ramp next to the wall. Much of this wall will be kept, as only the northern section of the wall which contains the bulges and cracks must be replaced at the moment, but the southern portion of the wall will require significant work in the future. A second, smaller retaining wall in the same area also needs repointing.

At the request of the Committee, Mr. Swanton explained how core samples were taken of the wall currently in place to predict where rock outcroppings and other obstacles are located.

There were two options available to resolve the current problems: Replacement of damaged sections only, or full wall replacement at a cost of \$11 million. The project currently calls for partial replacement. The replacement wall sections will be constructed using reinforced concrete, but the existing stone – or a similar substitute – will be used to maintain the same aesthetic appearance. The decision to repair the wall rather than replace it, which would have cost relatively little more, was questioned, given that a whole new wall will last much longer than the repaired wall. (More details are available in the presentation submitted to the Committee by Mr. Swanton.) The Committee discussed and generally agreed that full replacement of the wall should be recommended.

During the project, the trees next to the wall will have to be removed. In keeping with the city's standard operating procedure, they will be replaced by a larger number of smaller trees. Mr. Rahman of the Department of Design & Construction explained that the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee has not been officially informed of this work because the project has already been approved, but at the urging of members of the Traffic and Transportation Committee, Mr. Swanton agreed to notify the Parks Committee.

While this work is in progress, traffic will continue to flow, but parking below and on the ramp itself -- approximately 63 spaces, as estimated by the Committee -- will be unavailable until the project is completed. Mr. Swonton responded to the suggestion that parking be blocked off in stages as the work progresses with the observation that the cost of the project would rise significantly since additional supports would be required, and other arrangements would have to be made for the storage of equipment. The suggestion that a temporary lot be provided in the open spaces near the project was countered by Mr. Rahman, who explained that the Department of Transportation will not pay for any parking-related changes to the project. It was also suggested that perhaps New York Presbyterian Hospital might be willing to offer discounted parking to local residents with the condition that they only park there overnight.

A vote was taken on a resolution supporting the project and stating concern about its effect on the availability of parking:

- **Committee Vote 4-0-1**
- **Public Vote – Majority were in favor (missing specific numbers)**

Agenda Item #2 (MTA Complaint Form/Cards)

In the past, the Traffic and Transportation Committee has expressed the need for a method of getting in touch with the MTA in a more consistent way. The best way to reach out to the MTA on an individual basis was discussed, and it is apparent that correspondence from members of the public, rather than from Committee members, receives a far less consistent response. This may be fallout from recent personnel changes in that department. The Committee agreed that MTA spokesman Marcus Book should be invited to the Committee meeting in October.

Methods of soliciting input from the community regarding the state of MTA services were discussed. Digital forms for residents to complete cannot be placed on the Community Board Web site due to technical restrictions, city policy, or both. As an alternative to a massive information collection campaign such as the Straphangers Campaign's score cards, a smaller, Web survey-based effort was considered, which could be easily conducted online and targeted to CB12 residents. A request was made for members of the Committee or the public to suggest questions for this survey, but no specific timeline or other details about the project were discussed.

A member of the public raised a question regarding the switching of train cars between lines during the summer; members of the Committee offered that the recent change to newer cars on the C line was due to the inability of older cars to work properly outside the tunnels in the summer. This change should be reversed in time for colder weather.

In response to a related question, members of the Committee explained the type of issues on which the Committee engages the Department of Transportation and the MTA on behalf of residents. It was suggested that, prior to contacting the MTA individually regarding problems such as the bunching of buses, passengers should note the date, time, location, bus number and direction whenever they are unable to board a bus due to overcrowding and assemble a log to be sent to Mr. Book. If enough of this information can be sent to the MTA, it may move the agency to act on the issue.

Agenda Item #3 (Upcoming year agenda plan - working with sections within our community)

In the past, the Traffic and Transportation Committee has met in diverse locations throughout the district whenever an issue directly affects a specific area (such as when construction of a school on a site containing parking lot was proposed). Members of the public were asked for suggestions of places to meet for the upcoming year and various sites were proposed, including the YMCA, Inwood Center and Jumel Mansion. M. Glenn offered to reach out to Jumel Mansion to request the site for the October meeting.

It was noted that meeting places must be ADA accessible, and that targeted e-mail distribution lists (such as those used by Martin Collins) can help us reach specific sections of the district for notification of upcoming meetings in those areas. The goal of these notifications should be to ensure greater attendance from residents in the immediate area, and it should be clear that issues affecting any part of the district, not just the area near the meeting location, will be addressed at the meeting.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Resolution in Support of Retaining Wall on Riverside Drive between West 168th St. and
West 171st Street
Traffic and Transportation Committee
September 10, 2012

Whereas: A presentation by the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) at the September 10, 2012 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting, **brought our attention to** to the existence of the retaining wall that runs along the east side of Riverside Drive from West 168th Street to West 171st Street; and,

Whereas: The retaining wall allows the eastern lane of northbound Riverside Drive to meet the very busy ramp that connects to the Cross Bronx Expressway and the George Washington Bridge; and,

Whereas: The retaining wall is in urgent need of repair. There is significant parapet damage. Bricks are missing throughout the length of the retaining wall. Cracks and bulges are visible in a number of places, caused by water leaking from pipes under the ramp that allow water to pool on the ramp. Re-pointing is needed throughout the project area; and,

Whereas: The DDC has developed two plans for repairing the retaining wall. One plan will partially replace the retaining wall. This plan will cost approximately \$11.5m and repair the wall for an estimated 20-year period. The second plan would involve complete replacement of the retaining wall. This plan will cost approximately \$13m and repair the wall for 50 years. DDC strongly recommend that the city pursue the complete replacement, but understand that the city's budget is severely constrained; and,

Whereas: Trees will necessarily be removed to effect the repair, but the DDC is committed to replace the lost trees by planting a larger number of smaller trees during the final phases of the project; and,

Whereas: The DDC estimates that the length of this project will extend 18 months, and, throughout the duration of the work, traffic will continue to flow on northbound Riverside Drive and the ramp to the Cross Bronx Expressway; and,

Whereas: the plan of the DDC calls for 63 lost parking spaces alongside the retaining wall on both its east and west perimeters, and for a period estimated to be as long as 14 months; and,

Whereas: Parking in Washington Heights is notoriously difficult to find when all possible space for parking is usable; and,

Whereas: At the T&T committee meeting, the DDC was asked to implement the parking loss plan in stages in order to mitigate car owners' pain, but the DDC rejected this suggestion due to specifics of the construction site, materials, and equipment needed for the project that must remain on site throughout the duration of the project; and,

Whereas: At the T&T committee meeting, the DDC was asked to consider other forms of parking loss mitigation, including opening a temporary parking area further north along Riverside Drive or working with NY Presbyterian Hospital to arrange for free or discounted overnight parking for neighborhood car owners. Representatives of the DDC did not react in a positive way to these suggestions, either. In fact, Mr. Rahman of the Department of Transportation (DOT), who was also present at the meeting, stated unequivocally that the DOT will not pay for any parking-related changes to the project.

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Community Board is primarily concerned with the safety of our neighbors, and is convinced that the retaining wall is a danger to passersby. We support the reconstruction of the retaining wall; and further,

Be it Resolved: that the Community Board is extremely concerned about the loss of 63 parking spaces for 14 months and strongly urges that the DDC and the DOT and responsible elected representatives work together to fully mitigate this tremendous loss of parking space.

Vote:

Board: 4-0-1

Public: Majority voted in favor

CB12MANHATTAN

Licensing Committee

Minutes for 9/04/2012

Committee Members Present: George Fernandez Acting Chair, James Amodeo, Assistant Chair, Edith Prentiss, Rolando Cespedes, Anina Young

Committee Members Excused: Elizabeth Ritter

Committee, Members Absent: Mellanie Hidalgo, Angela Sanchez. Michael Jimenez

CB12 Staff Members Present: Paola Garcia

CB12 Members Present: Michael Diaz, Ariel Ferreira, Many Delos Santos

Community Members Present: Pamela Palanque-North , Chair CB12 Manhattan, Anierly Batista , Chief of Staff Senator Espailat, Yokarina Duarte, Community Liaison for Council Member Rodriguez, Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Lt Muniz, 34th Pct, Capt. Fausto Pichardo P.O Robison Hewitt, P.O Jose Jimenez Miguel Hernandez GM Dallas BBQ, Caroline Paillet, Broadway Dyckman Car Service, Albino Perez, Caroline Chen, Wenny-Lee Jimmy Restaurant, James Moran, Bill Rodriguez, Osvaldo Rosario- Aady Lin, Juan Lozano, Riverside Car& Limo Service, Le Cheile Restaurant- Tony Caffrey, El Nuevo Taino, Sonia Vega, Claudio Cabre, Elizabeth Porter, Alvaro Olivero, Irene Hernandez, , , Robin Kilmer, Pabely Unsuela, David H.

Welcome & Opening Remarks – George Fernandez, Acting Chair & Assistant Chair James Amodeo called meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Acting Chair George Fernandez introduced himself and the committee members to the public. He went on to inform the public and all that were present that he is the Acting Chair for the moment until a permanent chair is appointed. Chair went on to explain the purpose of the licensing committee and encouraged all that wanted to speak to sign in on the speakers list and for those who have questions to write down their questions, so that committee members would ask the questions to business owners. Furthermore, Acting Chair explained to everyone who speaks to please speak to the application in question and not that of another application. Chair as well offered members of the committee and the public to take literature that was printed for the meeting (SLA handbook, definitions of licenses and code classifications for licensing. Chair explained that it is his understanding that those who do not show up, that it's an automatic no vote. Chair updated the public in regards to the board not being in session in the summer and therefore there were 4 applications that were renewed over the summer, The following Applications were renewed over the summer: Two were for State Liquor Authority *Renewal Licenses: On-Premise Liquor*

License El Nuevo Taino Restaurant Corp. – 2228 Amsterdam Ave, El Conde Steak House Corp. 4311 Broadway, (at the corner of West 184th street) And 1 for Renewal of Restaurant Wine License: Sushi Yu Inc, - 827 W 181st St (bet Pinehurst and Cabrini Blvd), and another for *Tavern Wine License*: Villa Lounge Corp. – 132 Audubon Ave (at the corner of W 172nd ***During the meeting there were no objections from the community, elected officials, neither local pcts nor the committee in regards to the applications that were renewed over the summer.*** There were 4 applications which were tabled until the principal and or owner of establishments arranged a meeting with its local council member, precinct and its residents to discuss the relevant issues and to work out stipulations and or agreement. The Following Establishments were tabled: 839 W. 181 Food Inc., dba LE CHEILE (wanted to extend hours from 2am – 4 a.m, Cafeteria Billar Cibao II – 90 Nagle Avenue (at the corner of Sickles St Sold liquor outside of license), 3920 BWY REST INC dba La PARILLA STEAKHOUSE (applying for Corporate Change License) and El As De Espada Mexican Restaurant Inc. 3868 10th Ave. (at the Corner of W 207th St applying for New State Liquor Authority New Application for Restaurant Wine License. Neither were times sensitive

It was agreed upon at the meeting by the way of vote that once, these establishments meet as agreed upon, that they would be put on the agenda for October

State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses:

On-Premise Liquor License

1. El Nuevo Taino Restaurant Corp. – 2228 Amsterdam Ave.

Already Renewed by State Liquor Authority over the summer when board is not in session

Owner/Representative:	
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant
Hours of Operation:	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel:	
ADA Compliant:	
Employees:	
33th Pct. Comments:	There were no objection
Community Comments:	There were no public comment
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	

2. Floridita Restaurant Uptown, Inc.

Owner/Representative:	Sonia Vega, VP representing Jose Pérez
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Type of Establishment:	Restaurant/Bar – Cuban/Dominican
Hours of Operation:	24 hours
Tables/Chairs	4 large tables, 8 small, with stools ; Counter with bar seats Capacity: 75 people
Music	Karaoke, Saturdays
Security Cameras	16: Basement, kitchen, dining area; they removed the one outside (due to new signage blocking visibility).
Security Personnel:	2 NYS licensed guards (Fri, Sat, Sun)
ADA Compliant:	Yes, 1 Bathroom ADA compliant, 2 nd is not. She contends the restaurant is acceptable.
Employees:	27 employees. 3 managers FT, 3 managers PT, 6 employees on Friday and Saturday; 4-5 working employees for re
34th Pct. Comments:	No issues with the renewal.
Community Comments:	No comments. Public Officials – non comment.
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 Board Members 2-0-0; 1 no vote Public 17-0-0

3. El Conde Steak House Corp. 4311 Broadway, (at the corner of West 184th street)
Already Renewed by State Liquor Authority over the summer when board is not in session

Owner/Representative:	
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant / Steak House
Hours of Operation:	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel:	
ADA Compliant:	
Employees:	
34th Pct. Comments:	No Objections
Community Comments:	No public comment
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	

4. Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ – 3956 Broadway

Owner/Representative:	Miguel Hernandez, General Manager
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant
Hours of Operation:	11 am – 12 midnight (Mon – Sun)

Tables/Chairs	200 Seats (including enclosed café) 12 tables with 48 chairs for outdoor café
Music	Satellite radio – with speakers
Security Cameras	32 cameras
Security Personnel:	1 security guard – Friday, Saturday, & Sun
ADA Compliant:	3 Bathrooms – 1 compliant, 2 in basement. Restaurant is completely accessible.
Employees:	100 employees.
34th Pct. Comments:	33 rd Precinct – no complaints
Community Comments:	Councilmember Rodriguez office – no opposition to renewal. Public – no opposition to renewal.
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 Board Members 2-0-0 / 1 no vote Public 19-0-0

5. Aires Restaurant & Lounge

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Owner/Representative:	No show
Type of Establishment:	
Hours of Operation:	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel:	
ADA Compliant:	
Employees:	
34th Pct. Comments:	Reports of serving minors alcohol in the months of March, April, and June 2012. In the month of August there was an assault at 4 am; Prior issues with this establishment in the past.
Community Comments:	Local Reps: No comment. No comments from public.
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committee 0– 6-0

6. 839 W. 181 Food Inc., dba LE CHEILE

Tabled by committee

Owner/Representative:	Tony Caffrey, Co-Owner
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant

Hours of Operation:	10 am – 2 am (Mon – Sun) – wants to extend hours from 2 am – 4 am
Tables/Chairs	75 people (20 tables – mix of 2 and 4 tops; 10 stools at the bar)
Music	House music, Live Saturday (Tues), Open Mike (Thurs)
Security Cameras	12 (2 outside, 10 inside)
Security Personnel:	No outdoor security
ADA Compliant:	4 bathroom, 1 ADA Compliant; 3 entrances in front, all ADA
Employees:	15
34th Pct. Comments:	No opposition. Concerned a little about the potential problems by extending the hours of operations. Previous establishments who were open until 4 am had many complaints between 3 am and 4 am. None/ or very few noise complaints under current ownership. Management said they would screen who is coming in after hours.
Community Comments:	<p>Community questioned what population they were hoping to attract with the extended hours. The owner hoped to just extend their current patronage.</p> <p>A community member requested that they postpone this request until next month because there was no public notice. Claims of use of the space for private events which included dancing. This establishment has no cabaret license. The business is welcome but the 4 am extension would not be welcome. Mr. Caffrey stated there is no dancing and it's rented out for art events.</p> <p>(License until June 30, 2013)</p> <p>Further more the establishments does not have approval from Department of Buildings has not granted appropriate paper work use Fumee</p>
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committed move to postpone vote until a meeting with the owner to work out extension of hours detail including use of other space. (Fumee)
	TABLED. 6-0-0

7. 600 W. 169th Restaurant Inc, dba COOGANS – 4015 Broadway (bet

Owner/Representative:	David Hunt, co-owner
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant –Casual American Style
Hours of Operation:	
Tables/Chairs	Seat approx 180 in restaurant with 30 at the bar. Outdoor is approved for 36.
Music	
Security Cameras	32. 4-5 outside, rest in

Security Personnel:	Every night at least 1 after 8pm, Fri, Sat, and Sun use 2.
ADA Compliant:	Not ADA compliant though they make some efforts. The original construction of the bathroom does not yield to a ramp.
Employees:	50 (70 during high season)
33rd Pct. Comments:	No objections.
Community Comments:	No comments from public or Council Member Rodriguez. -
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committee 6-0-0- Board Members 2-0-0-,1 no vote Public 19

8. AO Caridad Restaurant inc. dba New Caridad Restaurant – 4799 Broadway (at the corner of Academy St)

Owner/Representative:	Alvaro Olivero (owned it for 5 years)
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant
Hours of Operation:	
Tables/Chairs	70 seated
Music	CD music; Saturday live music (band); karaoke
Security Cameras	Fri
Security Personnel:	
ADA Compliant:	2 Bathrooms, both accessible. Entrance is accessible.
Employees:	15 FT employees
34th Pct. Comments:	No objections
Community Comments:	Council Member - No objections Com
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 Board Members 2-0-0 / 1 no vote Public 18-0-0

Restaurant Wine License

9. Sushi Yu Inc, - 827 W 181st St (bet Pinehurst and Cabrini Blvd).

Already Renewed by State Liquor Authority over the summer when board is not in session.

Owner/Representative:	
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant
Hours of Operation:	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	

Security Cameras	
Security Personnel:	
ADA Compliant:	
Employees:	
33rd Pct. Comments:	No objections
Community Comments:	No public comments
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	

**10. El Nuevo Ambiente Restaurant Corp. Dba El Nuevo Ambiente Restaurant
Removed from Agenda**

Owner/Representative:	NO PAPERWORK on File – SEE NUMBER 23
Type of Establishment:	
Hours of Operation:	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel:	
ADA Compliant:	
Employees:	
33rd Pct. Comments:	
Community Comments:	
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	SOLD BUSINESS

11. Jimmy Oro Restaurant Inc.,

Owner/Representative:	Wendy Lee, Owner's Daughter
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant ()
Hours of Operation:	Mon-Weds 11:30 am – 10: 30 pm Thurs – Sun 11:30 – 11 pm
Tables/Chairs	15 tables
Music	CD instrumental
Security Cameras	0
Security Personnel:	0
ADA Compliant:	1 restroom ADA compliant, although the premises make it difficult/impossible to maneuver.
Employees:	7 employees
34th Pct. Comments:	No objections
Community Comments:	No public comment
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 /Abstention 1

	Board Members 2-0-0 /1 no vote Public 18-0-0
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12. Cafeteria Billar Cibao II – 90 Nagle Avenue (at the corner of Sickles St)

Tabled by Committee

Owner/Representative:	Oswaldo Rosari, Owner's Son/Manager
Type of Establishment:	Bar/Billiard with small food items
Hours of Operation:	4 pm – 2 am Mon-Thurs; 4 pm – 3:45 am Fri, Sat, and Sun
Tables/Chairs	6 chairs at bar; 3 round table tops
Music	At juke box
Security Cameras	4 – 2 outside, 2 inside
Security Personnel:	None – but if there is an event or activity, the hire private security
ADA Compliant:	Not ADA Compliant
Employees:	7 – 9 varies
34th Pct. Comments:	Oppose due to previous incident where the establishment sold liquor outside their license. Pct issued 2 summons in 6 months
Community Comments:	Admits they made the mistake when serving liquor outside their license. Owner reports doing so just to keep business alive Council Member Rodriguez (abstaining from vote until they meet with owner) PUBLIC – Asking why they were applying for a renewal when next month they are seeking a full license. Mr. Rosario stated that honestly than he than he would not sale out of license and would be in compliance.
Stipulation(s) Added:	Mr. Rosario will meet Council Member Rodriguez, the Pct to develop a plan to be compliant with SLA and also if business will further object to any SLA license at all.
Vote:	Committee – 5-1-0

13. Cabana Salvadorenna Restaurant – 4384 Broadway (at the corner of W 187th St)

Owner/Representative:	Juan Lozano, Co-Owner
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant (Spanish)
Hours of Operation:	Mon – Thurs 10:30 – 10:30. 10:30 – 11 Fri - Sun
Tables/Chairs	11 tables, 36 seats and 3 at the counter
Music	Jute box
Security Cameras	5 – 4 inside
Security Personnel:	None
ADA Compliant:	Not ADA compliant (there is a step-up)

Employees:	8 FT employees
34th Pct. Comments:	No objection
Community Comments:	Local Officials – no objections Public: No objections
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 Board Members 2-0-0 1 no vote Public 16-0-0

Tavern Wine License

14. Villa Lounge Corp. – 132 Audubon Ave (at the corner of W 172nd)
 Already Renewed by State Liquor Authority over the summer when board is not in session.

Owner/Representative:	
Type of Establishment:	lounge
Hours of Operation:	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel:	
ADA Compliant:	
Employees:	
34th Pct. Comments:	No objections/concerns
Community Comments:	No public comment
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	

Eating Place Beer License

15. Irene Taqueria & Mexican Food – 1555 St. Nicolas Ave. (At the corner of W 188th St.)

Owner/Representative:	Irene Hernandez, Owner
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant and groceries (Mexican Food/Products)
Hours of Operation:	9 am – 1 am (Mon-Fri); Sat/Sun – 9am – 4 am
Tables/Chairs	6 tables/20 seats
Music	Jute box
Security Cameras	6 – 4 inside
Security Personnel:	None (Very small)
ADA Compliant:	ADA Compliant
Employees:	5 – 3 FT, 2 PT

34th Pct. Comments:	No objections
Community Comments:	Local Rep: No Objections Public: No Objections
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committee– 6-0-0 Board Members 2-0-0 1 no vote Public 16-0-0

16. 181st 1405 Corp. dba that's Amore Pizza – 1405 St. Nicholas Ave. (bet W. 180th & W. 188th St)

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Owner/Representative:	No Show
Type of Establishment:	
Hours of Operation:	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel:	
ADA Compliant:	
Employees:	
34th Pct. Comments:	
Community Comments:	
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	6-0-0

Corporate Change License

17. 3920 BWY REST INC dba La PARILLA STEAKHOUSE

Tabled by Committee

Owner/Representative:	Owner (not present due to illness) wants to transfer ownership to his brother, Manual Hernandez, Manuel B. Vidal, Jr.
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant with a bar (50% food/50% beverage)
Hours of Operation:	11 am – 4 am (Mon – Sun) Food service ends around 1 am. On Thurs, extended to 2 am.
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	4 – 1 outside and the others inside
Security Personnel:	2 guards, 1 inside and 1 outside. Licensed guards. 1 checks ID and

	the other pats down.
ADA Compliant:	Entrance and bathroom compliance
Employees:	
33rd Pct. Comments:	Since May, 5 summonses issued with 3 for sale of alcohol to minors.
Community Comments:	<p>Acting chair George Fernandez ask Manuel Hernandez the Brother of Miguel Hernandez that if he were take over as the new Principal how would he begin to change the tarnished reputation that his establishment has,</p> <p>A representative that was with Him, Manuel (Accountant for the Establishment) asked chair to please give examples. Chair went on to read minutes from the Economic Development May and sited the minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yokarina Duarte from C/M Rodriguez' office spoke vehemently against the application on the grounds that there have been many complaints from residents of the building and surrounding community, including petition signatures and 311 complaints. • Additionally, the establishment expanded into an adjacent apartment, which was supposed to have remained as a residential apartment. Furthermore there have been many 311 complaints. • Augustina Guzman (lives above the establishment) strongly oppose the renewal; there are many problems with the music, especially on Thurs/Fri/Sat nights, although she noticed that in the last few weeks there has been less noise. <p>Manual Hernandez stated that as the new administrator, he would be willing to work with the community to resolve any conflicts and complaints affecting the neighborhood. Previous efforts to rectify problems, from soundproofing, insulation in the ceiling, changing of doors, to no affect. They claim that a soundproof door was added and inspected and insulation added to the ceiling. They regulate the amps that is regulated but not locked.</p> <p>Manual Hernández once again stated he would do what he can to work with the community.</p> <p>Council Member Rodriguez – Wants to be certain any corporate change is for good reason. La Parilla has not been a good tenant. Since 2010, complaints have come from the 1st floor and other tenants in the building. La Parilla expanded their restaurant using an apartment that was designated for a low/middle income Housing. No approval should be granted until a meeting between the Council Member, the Pct and the Tenants, and the Restaurant.</p> <p>PUBLIC: Interior decorator for the Restaurant. Many tenants are thanking him for his efforts to improve the sound proofing.</p>

	Another member of the public stated that he, goes with his family, and wishes other businesses would be like them. GF: Let the record reflect this is important to work things out with the community and establishments. The liquor license is not up until 2014 and there is not urgent time frame. There fore there is time.
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	33 rd Precinct Votes NO. TABLED

**NYC Department of Taxi & Limousine Commission
Renewal Livery Car Base License:**

18. Riverside Car & Limo Service

Owner/Representative:	Elvin Marte, President
Type of Establishment:	Limousine Service
Hours of Operation:	24 hours/7 days
Vehicles	320 Vehicles
Music	
Security Cameras	Limousines are equipped with cameras
Security Personnel:	No wheelchair vehicles, but the company uses an outside service for those who request a wheelchair accessible vehicle. (Vega Transportation)
ADA Compliant:	
Employees:	
34th Pct. Comments:	No Objection
Community Comments:	164 Dyckman between Sherman & Vermillion 4501 Broadway at 193rd Local Officials– No Objection Public: No Objections
Stipulation(s) Added:	None
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 Board Members 2-0-0 / 1 no vote Public 14-0-0

19. Broad Dyckman C- 200 Dyckman Street, (between Vermylia Service

Owner/Representative:	Bruno Genaro, President, Wendy Gonzalez, VP and Treasure
Type of Establishment:	Limo
Hours of Operation:	9 – 5 office/ 24 hr business
Tables/Chairs	

Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel:	
ADA Compliant:	Use Vega transportation for ADA Compliance
Employees:	
34th Pct. Comments:	No Objections
Community Comments:	Public Officials – No objections Public – No objections
Stipulation(s) Added:	none
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 Board Members 2-0-0 / 1 no vote Public 16-0-0

New Applications: On Premises Liquor License

20. Francis T. McHugh Entity, 209 Restaurant Group dba Rusty Mackerel, 209 Pinehurst Ave (at W 187th St)

Owner/Representative:	William Rodriguez, James Moran (Chef)
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant / Mediterranean (Established wine bar moving to new location, also owns Frank's Market)
Hours of Operation:	Sun – Thus 4pm to Midnight; Fri – Sun 4 pm – 1 am
Tables/Chairs	Total of 30 for seating - California Open kitchen , 3 high top tables,
Music	In wine store, internet based music w/2 speakers. In restaurant, given small establishment, no music.
Security Cameras	3 – 2 inside/1 outside
Security Personnel:	None
ADA Compliant:	Yes.
Employees:	7-10
34th Pct. Comments:	No objections
Community Comments:	Madam Chair CB12 – how long is the lease? 7 years left on lease. Wants to renegotiate to 10. State Senator's Adriano Espallats office – No objections Public: No objections
Stipulation(s) Added:	None
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 Board Members 2-0-0 / 1 no vote Public 16-0-0

21. Raico Inc. dba CAIRO NYC – 400 W. 202nd St (bet 9th 7 10th Aves)

Owner/Representative:	Ethan Amano
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Type of Establishment:	Restaurant
Hours of Operation:	Mon- Weds 11 am – 10 pm, Thurs – Sun 11 am – 11 pm (lounge 11:30 pm – 4 am, though bar will close at 3:30)
Tables/Chairs	15 tables, 60 chairs (restaurant) – 280 people combined which include a bar with stools 12 stools, and sofas seating
Music	Disc Jockey music, no live
Security Cameras	4 outside, 34 inside (3,000 sq ft)
Security Personnel:	20 onsite, city licensed and fully bonded
ADA Compliant:	Fully compliant
Employees:	75 – 120 employees mostly from community. There will also be valet parking – Parking will be provided using the beverage distributor/landlord – 2857 9 th Ave (60 cars) – beer distributor parking lot), 3842 9 th Ave – Amigo Produce (35 cars); under the 207 th St Bridge (30-35).
34th Pct. Comments:	No objections
Community Comments:	Madam Chair – Did they appear before the board in the past? No. Letters of support were presented to licensing committee from Council Member Rodriguez and State Senator Adriano Espallat
Stipulation(s) Added:	None
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 Board Members 2-0-0 / 1 no vote Public 16-0-0

Restaurant Wine License

22. El As De Espada Mexican Restaurant Inc. 3868 10th Ave. (at the Corner of W 207th St)

Tabled by Committee

Owner/Representative:	Albino Perez, Manager
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant (Mexican)
Hours of Operation:	24hr/7 days
Tables/Chairs	3 tables, 12 chairs
Music	Radio
Security Cameras	8 cameras (4 inside/4 outside)
Security Personnel:	None
ADA Compliant:	Not ADA Compliant (very small)
Employees:	2 FT/Day, 1 PT Day; 2 FT – Night – 1 PT Night
34th Pct. Comments:	OBJECTS – on 3 separate incidents, they were issued violations for selling alcohol to minors while unlicensed in (March 2012), and buying stolen goods for which the owner was arrested for fencing (July 9 th , 2012)
Community Comments:	Bd – No comments Council Member Rodriguez – Abstaining (wants to meet with owner

	to discuss issues raised by 34 th Precinct) Public Members – No Comment
Stipulation(s) Added:	To Be discussed
Vote:	Committee – 4-2-0 Tabled

23. JR Primos II Restaurant Corp. - 4986 Broadway (Bet W. 212th W. 211th Sts.)

Owner/Representative:	
Type of Establishment:	Restaurant (Spanish American)
Hours of Operation:	6 am – 1 am (Mon – Fri)
Tables/Chairs	9 and counter stools (apprx 6) full capacity approximately 50 including employees.
Music	iPod music
Security Cameras	6 inside, working on one outside. It's a small establishment.
Security Personnel:	No security needed.
ADA Compliant:	Fully compliant
Employees:	9 employees (7 FT)
34th Pct. Comments:	No objections.
Community Comments:	Council Member – no objections other than to be mindful of the noise when music begins playing. PUBLIC – no comments/objections
Stipulation(s) Added:	
Vote:	Committee – 6-0-0 Board Members 3 Public 15

24. ~~M&V International Food Inc. 4453 Broadway, (Between Fairway Ave. & W 192nd Street)~~
Item was removed from the agenda this establishment is a grocery Store. They are not required by law to submit intent to community Board

E. New Business/Adjournment

None

Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes – September 4, 2012

Committee members present: Harlan Pruden, Chair (arrived later), David Kach, Ass't. Chair, Mitchell Glenn, Richard Lewis, Zead Ramadan, Chris O'Sullivan, Public Member – Joan Neuman

District Manager: Ebenezer Smith

Called to order at 7:25 by David Kach

Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NOMA) Update by Sandra Garcia-Betancourt

NOMA is five years old, launched with support of Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone and Northern Manhattan Hispanic Alliance. With financial support from Chase, NOMA was able to provide \$300,000 in direct grants to artists, technical assistance and professional development for artists, and an annual conference. The Arts Stroll has been operative for 10 years, extended from a week to a month. The purpose of the arts service organization is to provide a voice to artists, enhance the community's visibility, and meet the needs of the many artists in all media in Northern Manhattan, partnering with businesses and Parks Department.

Problems and needs include the lack of studio space, commercial galleries, book stores (the pop-up bookstore, Word Up, lasted a year but just closed), art supplies store, and dedicated art space.

Zead Ramadan spoke as president of NOMA. He stressed the lack of affordable space, giving the example of Up Theatre Co., in its third production using uptown playwrights, directors and actors. There are empty storefronts that refuse to rent for one month. There is the coliseum, but is not feasible because maintenance is too expensive (\$50,000). The Palace Theatre is too expensive to rent. The RKO Palace is owned by people outside the community who want the most \$. Churches have been loaning space for shows. Can CB12 reach out to owners and landlords? Harlan Pruden will work with Land Use and Zoning Committee. There is a review process for zoning and variances (which can take 1-2 years) and CB12 can make demands, look for opportunities for space.

One such opportunity is the GW Bridge Bus Station going into construction. CB12 asked the developer to put in art space sufficient for theatre, lectures and a gallery. Port Authority offered 250 square feet. We need to lobby public officials to have a dedicated art space of sufficient size.

NYC Parks and Recreation Report

NYC Temporary Art Program - The "outdoor gallery" started in 1967 with "happenings" in Parks. There are 35 exhibitions citywide annually, including Peter Bushlo's work in Fort Tryon, portraits of people he saw on subway. Parks offers no money, just help with logistics.

Parks is interested in art that responds to a specific site. The application involves a CV, renderings, dimensions, and insurance bond for the installation that is returned when the site is restored.

DOT gives grants of \$1,000-\$5,000 for public space art projects through its urban art program. Artist has to partner with a non-profit.

Emergences/Re-Emergences Site Specific Sculpture Installation titled "Trap Rock" Project by Raquel Rabinovich

Waiting for city approval to install in Fort Washington Park, south of GW Bridge; no conflict with ball field, etc.; expect to install next spring. Committee approved unanimously, other CB12 board members present approved unanimously, public voted 11 for, 0 opposed, 3 abstained. Harlan will draft a resolution in favor of Trap Rock.

Capital Projects Update

- **Lighthouse Link** – Bike path to be installed adjacent to lighthouse, connecting with fields. The Hudson Valley Greenway connects with Bronx; and the Manhattan Hudson bike path will connect with the Bronx via the northern end of Fort Washington Park. Lighthouse link to greenway from Dyckman to 181st St.; bike/pedestrian ramp to connect bike route to Dyckman; Amtrak pedestrian bridge... Federally funded, construction starts this fall.
- **Bennett Park** - Water pump provides more water pressure, allows watering of plantings that otherwise can't be reached (have to hand carry water). Requires a large box, not attractive. Bennett Park completed.
- **J. Hood Wright Park** – Recreation center upgrade in 2014; outdoor part of project (lawns and dog run and walls) part of Northern Manhattan Parks Department Master Plan.
- **Dyckman ADA Greenway** – part of Fort Washington PlaNYC, going into construction.
- **Inwood Park Tennis and Basketball Courts** - Community members who work with male youth and who grew up in the neighborhood complained that Inwood Park basketball and tennis courts have no lights at night. Bakers Field flood lights do disturb residents of nearby buildings, but directed lights are now available. Since after school programs have been cut, it is better to have kids on the court than in the streets. Given lack of entertainment, teens are in parks and on the street. Parks Dep't. is getting an estimate on directed lighting for basketball courts. Residents are opposed to lighting; tennis players didn't want kids.
- **Orville & Wilbur Playground** - The basketball courts have been reconfigured by painting new lines, which cut the length of two courts. CB12 supported the design but two community members protested, wanting the full courts restored and removal of the extra bleachers. The redesign is constrained by trees. The two community members agreed to work with Parks. A committee was formed to work with Parks, including representatives from Jackson's office.

J. Hood Wright issues

At June CB12 meeting, residents raised these issues: Dogs off leash, noise all night, illegal vendors, and safety on the terrace.

The new commanding officer of 33rd precinct is meeting with Parks. The park is closed at 11 pm. Closing is not really enforceable but it gives police leverage if someone is causing public safety issue. Plantings are planned to help with the dog run. Excessive dogs are an enforcement issue. Rocks have been chucked off the terrace onto cars on Haven Avenue. A camera would be a deterrent, with signs and auxiliary presence. Parks has submitted a requisition for a camera for the terrace. Need to erect a pole of the right height. Cameras are heavy. Javits Park had lights installed on street lamps, but it is a question of electrical load and new Con Ed lines. Community Forum in late October and joint committee of police department and Parks and Recreation is still being planned.

Wifi in Parks Update

The Mayor's "Roadmap to Digital City," City IT Dep't., Time Warner Cable and Cablevision are implementing \$10 million plan to install wifi in parks. Identifying sites entails assessing potential use, viability of build out, trees, and facilities. Priorities are Fort Tryon and J. Hood Wright parks. The first site will be up in a couple of months. Highbridge Park will follow, but not at pool. Bennett and other parks have not been surveyed.

Isham Park Water Service Update

Large number of volunteers; they were lugging water and tools up a steep hill. Jackson provided \$750,000 in funding, which will fund a drop box for tools, and a "hideous structure" – RPC – for water, which will take up 10 square feet. Bruce Garden requires one; another for Isham Alley. Project will unfold in 4 phases to prevent disruption: I. Bruce's Garden; II. Lower park. Need one year to rescue shrubs, protect trees.

Committee supports the water service plan. Harlan will draft resolution.

Committee voted: 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstain

Other CB12 members voted: 1 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstain

Community members voted: 11 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstain; 2 no votes

Report on Isham Park Security Meeting on 7/23/12 called by Sen. Espailat and Council Member Jackson; attended by assistant chair David Kach. Issue: Muggings in and around Isham and Inwood Hill Parks. A major obstacle is that the city emergency response system has no language for identifying locations within parks. The park provides police with maps but drive-throughs are more effective. Policing: Have PEP officers fulltime seasonally. Special Ops does deployments, and nighthawk division as needed. Need private funding to get dedicated security. We should develop a small wish list and unite behind it:
List:

1. 911 response time assessment
2. police on scooters or horses
3. cameras

4. 911 call boxes in Dyckman Field DOT, Parks and Recreation, NYPD and Port Authority need to agree on a specific location

La Marina

Unverified report on Facebook of a stabbing at an event on 9/3. Jennifer Hoppa looking into matter. Ms. Hoppa requested emails be sent to her directly regarding anything related to La Marina, so she can look into it. La Marina has a capacity of 500 as per their SLA license. There has been an unconfirmed report that one party attracted over 500 attendees; some estimate that close to 1,000 people showed up and the gate had to be closed. Amplified music requires special permission from the parks. Mitch Glenn stated that the problem was not amplified music but parking. Valet parking is taking over public spots, charging \$20. They argue that they can park 60 cars in 7 spots by triple parking and take pressure off parking in neighborhood. A proposed meeting is to be held in October of Public Safety, Traffic and Transportation, and Parks to discuss La Marina.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris O'Sullivan and edited by Harlan Pruden

Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2012

Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
Isaiah Bing
James Berlin
Dulce Bueno
Tamara Rivera

Committee Members Absent

Board Members Present

Steve Simon
Elizabeth Lehman
George Fernandez

Staff: Deborah Blow

Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

Guests: CM Robert Jackson, Martin Collins, Rep. CM Robert Jackson's Office, Andrea Kornbluth, Winifred Richman, Debra Klaber, Rita Gorman, Edwin Marshall-City Planning, Leah Holzel, M. Morrissy, Alex Caste-Porter, Robin Kilmer-Manhattan Times, Erika Lindsey-Man. Borough President's Office, Eileen Muerle-Rao, Dave Thom, Saar Tocke

The Meeting was called to order by Chair, Wayne Benjamin at 7:10 PM.

Land Use Committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") Chair Benjamin began the meeting by welcoming committee members and guests. He stated that when the Committee last met on July 13th, Quadriad, the developers for the proposed high-rise Tryon Center complex planned for 190th Street and Broadway, advised the Committee that it intended to submit a ULURP application to the Department of City Planning ("DCP") within a week or two of the meeting, but per his conversation last week with DCP's Edwin Marshall, Quadriad has not yet submitted the ULURP application. Mr. Marshall confirmed that to date Quadriad has submitted only a project pro forma to DCP, not an ULURP application.

Mr. Marshall was the evening's guest speaker. He gathered the guests and the Committee members around the table to view the zoning maps of West Harlem / Manhattan Community Board 9 ("CB9") which served as the focus the evening's discussion

Mr. Marshall reported that, earlier in the day, the New York City Planning Commission had approved a new re-zoning plan for CB9. The rezoning took five years to complete, and was prompted by the massive new construction project in Manhattanville undertaken by Columbia University. He stated that there are great similarities between the built form of West Harlem and the built form of Washington Heights and Inwood and that the Committee can use the CB9 rezoning as an example of how zoning in Washington Heights and Inwood might be changed and what planning goals and objectives might guide the changes. He emphasized the importance of identifying planning goals and objectives and for outreach to and discussion with stakeholders. Chair Benjamin concurred and noted that the Neighborhood Planning and Land Use study that CB12 undertook in several years ago in partnership with City College, outlined planning goals and gave stakeholders the opportunity to discuss their concerns and desires for future zoning initiatives in CB12.

Mr. Marshall further noted that like CB12, CB9 had a very simple zoning map generally consisting of large areas of R7-2 and R8 zoning and that these zoning districts are height-factor districts that do not impose

height limits. The new zoning initiative undertaken by CB9 is much more nuanced than the 1960's zoning and is guided by the existing building types in the neighborhood. Preservation of neighborhood character was the main driver for rezoning CB9. The new zoning in CB9 is contextual, requires new buildings align with existing street wall and imposes varying height limits. In some areas, such as blocks characterized by brownstones, allowable density was decreased; on a section of 145th Street density was increased to encourage development of new affordable.

It was stated that like CB9, preservation of the existing built environment is a central focus of rezoning considerations in CB12 as is the need for affordable housing. Mr. Marshall commented that CD12 is a very large district, and that unlike many other parts of the city, contains a highly varied topography that must be considered in designing new zoning initiatives. He also noted that unlike the South Bronx, East Harlem and Central Harlem, Washington Heights and Inwood did not experience extensive abandonment which means, when it comes to the development of new housing or new development in general, there are very few large vacant sites/properties available for development. The Sherman Creek area was cited offering one of the few opportunities where there are sites that can be considered for the construction of new housing or other development to support community needs.

Mr. Marshall stated that DCP has limited staff and it is unlikely that it will be able to begin working with CB12 on rezoning in 2012 but that it is important for CB12 to continue to work to outreach to community stakeholders to refine the planning goals and objectives that DCP will need to guide any rezoning efforts in Washington Heights and Inwood.

After further discussion the Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Minutes were taken by public member, Vivian Ducat.

Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2012

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Leandro Hidalgo
Tamara Rivera
Richard Allman

Board Members Present

Christopher Smith
Dulce Bueno
Elizabeth Lehman
Richard Lewis
Jay Mazur
Pamela Palanque-North

Public Member Present

Public Member Absent

Vivian Ducat

Guests: Rita Gorman – Northern Manhattan Neighborhood Coalition, Jolannes Van Sechendorff – 506 Fort Washington Avenue, Eileen Merle – Rao, Jerise Fogel – 615 West 186th Street, Sylvia Shultz – 900 West 190th Street, Wilfred Small 482 Fort Washington Avenue, Geoffrey & Miriam Katin – 900 West 190th Street, Kitty Clarke – 720 Fort Washington Avenue, Cynthia Holden – 720 Fort Washington Avenue, Carla Zoni – DNAInfo.com, Wendy Sealey, Erika Lindsey – MBPO, Margaret Morrissey – 900 West 190th Street, Edwin Marshall – DCP, Martin Collins – Office of Councilman Robert Jackson, Liz Ritter – Office of Senator Espaillat,

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin welcomed committee members and guests. He stated that a July meeting was scheduled in response to communication from Quadriad advising of its intent to file a ULURP application (the “Application”) for the Tryon Center project (the “Project”) with the Department of City Planning (“DCP”) on July 13th and asking if the Land Use Committee (“Land Use” or the “Committee”) was interested in a project status update prior to its submission of the Application. He then introduced Henry Wollman of Quadriad who, in conjunction with architect Evelyn Kalka, made a presentation on modifications to the Project.
2. Mr. Wollman advised that Quadriad met with DCP four or five times in the past eight months and feels that real progress has been made. He also stated that submission of the Application to DCP on July 13th will be postponed by one or two weeks based on comments received at this evening’s meeting, financing for the Project is available with a primary investor being the AFL-CIO Housing Trust, and that they would like to commence construction in January or February of 2012, but are not sure if that schedule will hold. He further stated that Quadriad has heard all of our comments and has not ignored them, but feel a new way of development is needed, given limited public sector resources, to ensure that middle- and working-class affordable housing can be achieved. He then turned the floor over to Ms. Kalka who made a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Kalka stated that the design approach for the Project has been revised. The height of the two towers has been reduced to 31-stories and the base of the buildings has been increased (from one or two stories to approximately seven stories) to be more contextual. She also stated Quadriad has spoken with the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (“HPD”) concerning Inclusionary Zoning vs. New Strategy Zoning and that Quadriad hopes to build 184 units of housing (52 low income units and 132 moderate income units) that will be retained permanently affordable and will be paid for by 400 units of market rate housing, i.e.: the total project size is approximately 600 units.

Chair Benjamin began the Q&A session with the following inquiries.

- What are the specific DCP actions requested? (An area up-zoning and mapping of a new C4-6/R10 zoning district also to establish the area as a inclusionary zoning district)
- What mechanism will be used to ensure perpetual affordability?(The Project's condo declaration will include language that requires the restricted rents)
- What is the mechanism for the City to monitor the development and its operations? (HPD is to be authorized to monitor operations of the Project)
- What are HPD's comments on the density aspects of the proposal? (HPD does not have an attitude towards density, feels that this is a DCP issue, but is interested in the "no public money" concept).
- Which elected officials have Quadriad spoken to concerning the Project other than the two City Councilmen who represent Washington Heights and Inwood? (Borough President Stringer, State Senator Espaillat, Assemblyman Linares)

Committee member Obie Bing inquired about the adequacy of infrastructure, sub-surface utilities and Con Edison's distribution network and questioned if the network can support the Project. Mr. Wolman stated that Quadriad is not yet ready to answer these questions, but is working on the matter with three engineering firms.

Martin Collins, representing Councilman Robert Jackson, asked if Quadriad's filing with DCP will address the infra structure questions. Edwin Marshall, representing DCP, stated that the Application will include an Environmental Assessment Statement or EAS, which DCP will refer to other City agencies for review and comment, but full analysis of the Project's environmental impacts will likely be via an Environmental Impact Statement or EIS. He also stated that the ULURP process cannot proceed until the environmental review is complete, so if an EIS is need instead of an EAS, it must be completed before review of the Application can proceed.

Committee member Steve Simon questioned Quadriad's compliance with various provisions of the 9/29/11 resolution passed by Community Board 12-Manhattan (CB12-M).

Committee member Jim Berlin questioned the Project's density and stated that we are comfortable the density of the area, and that, while there are developments like Castle Village that have high-rise structures, they also have lots of land around them, and so are less dense than they appear. He also stated that we need to consider the ramifications of density.

CB12-M member Richard Lewis asked when the Project has to be in the ground and does Quadriad have site control. Mr. Wollman stated that Quadriad has purchase options; the time frame for exercising them has been extended.

CB12-M Chair Pamela Palanque-North asked with which elected officials has Quadriad met. (See above)

Liz Ritter, representing State Senator Espaillat, inquired about the EAS vs. EIS, specifically if there could be a question and answer process between Quadriad and DCP to obtain answers on the environmental issues without going through an EIS. Mr. Marshall stated that the EAS is a public document, ongoing dialogue between DCP and Quadriad may require changes be made to the EAS and DCP will not sign-off on the EAS if it is not complete or is inadequate, i.e.: if an EIS is needed.

CB12-M member Edith Prentiss asked if households will be size-restricted. (Yes).

Community resident Rita Gorman asked if Quadriad is planning to build two 31-story towers (Yes) and what is the number of units per tower (The tower closest to Broadway has the larger foot-print and contains 60% of the Project's approximately 600 units; the building with the smaller foot print has 40% of the units).

Cynthia, a local resident, inquired as to the height of the base section of the towers. (Seven stories).

A question was raised concerning below grade parking (300 spaces are proposed for use by residents. With the approval of the Department of Transportation the number of spaces will be increased to 500 to allow for use by the general public.)

A question was raised about the amount of community facility space proposed. (The amount of community facility space has been decreased to 30,000 to 40, 000 square feet. Mr. Wollman stated that Quadriad would like to see three different types of community facility uses – medical, early childhood development and a community arts center. He also stated that David Liss and Helen Morik are the people at New York Presbyterian Hospital (“NYPH”) with whom Quadriad has spoken about operating a medical facility at the Project). [Note: Subsequent to the Land Use meeting Helen Morik, who is also a member of CB12-M, advised that at present NYPH has no interest in opening a facility at the Project].

A local resident asked how do we know that Quadriad will not run out of money and we will be left with a hole in the ground.

CB12-M member Chris Smith noted that the income and rent ranges presented in the PowerPoint only address low-income residents and not more moderate income residents. Chair Benjamin noted that median household income in Washington Heights and Inwood is roughly 52% of the city-wide media income so, given that low and median income and rents are defined and calculated using the city-wide average, there is probably a greater need for the Project to target low-income residents.

Joe, a local resident who lives at 190th Street and Bennett Avenue, noted that in the course of discussions it was stated that density is a subjective matter, but he believes density is a subjective nightmare and questioned if DCP considers objective criteria impacted by changes in density. Mr. Marshall stated the EIS review is both objective and technical, but that a cogent rational, a land use argument, for the density change must also be presented.

Jerise, a local resident, inquired about the impact of construction of the Project on nearby buildings that are supported by external steel structure. She also asked about the impact of the Project on views from Wadsworth Avenue, noting that Wadsworth Avenue is 100 feet above Broadway but the proposed buildings are 300 feet high.

Mr. Wollman stated that in the next week or two DCP and CB12-M will have a complete updated proposal for the Project as a prelude to Quadriad submitting a formal application,

3. After further discussion the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne A. Benjamin.

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES - MINUTES
September 6, 2012

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

George Fernandez, Chair
Richard Lewis

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Alyce Smith
Melanie Hidalgo
Carol Mulligan
Gabriela Rosa

BOARD MEMBER

Aldemar Diaz

Public Member:

Anthony Parsons

Staff member:

Paola Garcia

Guests: Lufs Tejeda, Mirabal Cultural Center, Inc.

Introduction

Chair George Fernandez III called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and provided a warm welcome back from summer break to all guest and members of the committee. Chair began meeting with speaking about the budget process for community boards and explained the budget process and how we as a committee participate in the New York City Budget process. He explained what was expense and capital. Chair reviewed previous committee ranking of FY 2013; Committee conducted rankings for FY 2014. Board member Betty Lee man attended and provided valuable input in regards to human services for the elderly. Aldemar Diaz board member provided input in feed back for ranking process.

The Committee discussed how best to generalize all request, thefore speaking to all existing local agencies. The following Expense and Capital committee ranking for FY 2014 was stabled and a second discussion on the committee ranking budget for FY for FY 2014.

Expense FY 2014:

1 Provide funding for CBO's with in CD12M that provide legal and supportive service tenants who live with in CD12M

6 Continue funding for food pantry programs with in CD12M

7 Continue funding for harm reduction programs within CD12M

2 Provide funding to local day care providers

New Items FY 2014

Expense

- 3 Provide funding for bilingual vocation training to residents of CD12M
 - 5 Provide funding for more NYCHA mobile computer use for residents of CD12M
 - 4 Provide funding to local housing organizations to provide Building Administration /Management to residents who live with in HDFC's with in CD12M
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Capital FY 2014

- 2 Provide funding for the construction, development and renovation of day care centers within CD12M.
- 1 Provide funding for the construction, preservation and development of affordable housing within CD12M
- 3 Provide funding for the construction and development of a work force one center that provide bilingual employment services

Chair gave a brief update about 1985 Amsterdam avenue and introduced Luis Tejada Executive director of Mirabal Culture Center, who provided services to the tenants of 1985 Amsterdam ave. Chair reported that currently 1985 Amsterdam Avenue has many outstanding housing code violations. Many for vermin Moshe Samovha holds the 12th spot on Public Advocate Bill de Blasio's worst landlords in Manhattan watch list. The Department of Housing Preservation and Development cites Samovha with 226 violations (including 84 of the most dangerous "C Class" variety), all for one building: 1985 Amsterdam Avenue. Since 2001, the city has spent more than \$11,000 via the Emergency Repair Program to fix Samovha's property under dire circumstances.

Mr. Tejada explained that the urban justice center was providing legal services and Mirabal Culture Center assisted with organizing the building. He also explained that when the case was heard in housing court that a judge ruled that the Maria Montealegre must pay the landlord what she owes, he mentioned that Ms. Montealegre paid her rent in cash; a strategy the landlord has incorporated with most of his tenants at 1985 Amsterdam Avenue, this way the tenants does not have proof of payments

Richard Lewis stated that the judge has to rule in favor of the la. Mr. Tejada went on to report, that tenants were harassed days before Ms. Montealegre court date telling the tenants he would call immigration on them if they appeared in court to show support. As a result Ms. Montealegre was with out tenant support. Mr. Tejada stated a landlord like this cannot stay in our community. Tejada agreed with committee that the major difficulties with this building that they are not rent regulated apartments.

Richard Lewis sited that that these landlords will be given notices on whether they fix the outstanding violations, if not the city of New York will make the necessary reports and they charge the landlord. If the landlord continues to fail to cooperate, the city of New York will eventually take the property. En

closing Mr. Tejada reported that the Mirabal Culture Center no longer is working on the case of Ms. Montealegre, but that she is always at the center.

Chair stated that the community as a whole need to come together to fight this landlord

Chair moved to table items on agenda, Intro 477 tenant's bill of rights , Elevators Issues within CB12M and Distress Building, Bar Restaurant and C of O , building code violations over to Octobers Housing and Human Services meeting, board member Diaz second and Richard lewis so moved

Chair began discussion about affordable housing in Washington Heights and Inwood and highest the fact that in 2004 we received an affordable housing project and we got less than 200 units and we are in a dire need of affordable housing. Chair went on to mention that the boards priority has-been the need for affordable housing and was ranked in 3rd by the full board.

Further more that the EMS station has been on board ranking for many years and that it was second on the board rankings for FY 2013 and that the board has been working with the office of council member Rodriguez and other CBOs; which makes up the affordable housing task force that the Housing and Human Services committee has been participating in as per Madame Chair. Mr. Fernandez stated that the committee has participated in many housing activities.

Chair explained how FDNY sent a Letter to deputy mayor and y requested for a rezoning override and; this meant they would not have to come before CB12M land use committee. He went on to report that the FDNY has the work permits and is building EMS station and stated that the FDNY at one point was open to Mix use of the space on 172nd and Amsterdam avenue , how ever nut sure now if they want mix use. However the FDNY and the office of council member Rodriguez don't agree on how the space should be utilized.

Chair went on to explain the Affordable housing Task Force id committed to fighting for Affordable housing and part of keeping the momentum alive the HHS committee being part of the task force will holding a public forum on Affordable Housing at the Board office on October 11, 2012.

Chair adjourned meeting at 9:15 pm

Minutes completed by,
George Fernandez, III
Chair of Housing and Human Services
Community Board12 Manhattan

CB12 Youth and Education Committee Minutes - September 10, 2012
Location: CB12 Main Office, 711 West 168th Street

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimon (Committee Chair), Maria Luna, Angelo Ortiz, Michael Jimenez, Alyce Smith, Raybblin Vargas

Committee Members Excused: Manny De Los Santos, Gabriela Rosa

Community Board Members Present: George Fernandez (1st Vice-Chair), Richard Lewis

CB12 Staff: Deborah Blow

Others Present: Committee Guest Dr. Isabel Martinez, Assistant Professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice; 6 members of the public.

Fe Florimon called the meeting to order at 7:11pm (quorum present)

- I. Dr. Martinez conducted a brief presentation on the Dream Act Faculty Alliance (DAFA) of which she is a member. DAFA is a network of faculty from New York City Colleges/Universities who have convened to conduct grassroots organizing around increased access to high education by their city's undocumented youth. DAFA proposes to co-sponsor with CB12 an information session(s) for undocumented youth about their rights and responsibilities regarding "Deferred Action". The information session, which is tentatively planned to occur within the next two months, would include legal experts that would answer questions regarding "Deferred Action". DAFA defers to CB12 on the size/scale the session(s) with regards to attendance. DAFA requests assistance from CB12 with identifying a location(s), recommendations of other local organizations providing immigration services, and promotion for the event(s). Committee members agreed to support and co-sponsor the event(s) pending feedback from the CB12 Chair and Executive Committee.
- II. The Chair welcomed new member Mr. Michael Jimenez, who was also introduced to members of the Committee and the general public.
- III. Announcements: Maria Luna will be the Honorary Coach at Columbia University's "Community Day" football game against Marist College on September, 15th, 2012.
- IV. New Business: Raybblin Vargas worked with CHALK, the Health Education Project, the Citizen's Committee of New York, and Transportation Alternatives this past summer on a very successful new playstreet initiative in WHal. She encourages anyone interested in organizing a playstreet for the summer of 2013 to reach out and be included in future plans.
- V. Old Business: In June 2012, CB12 was the only New York City Community Board to pass a resolution in support of a bill allowing disabled students to get picked up by a school bus if they live within 50 miles of their school. The bill passed the State Senate and Assembly, but Governor Cuomo vetoed the bill. There will be future action regarding this issue, and CB12 is seen by the bill's supporters as the down-state New York City leader on this issue.

There being no further business to discuss, Fe Florimon adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angelo Ortiz

Committee for the Concerns for Aging
At Community Board Office
September 13, 2012

Committee Members Present

Gloria Vanterpool, Chair
Betty Lehman, Asst. Chair
Edgard Nau, Asst. Chair

Public Member

Norma De Candido

Absent

William T. Devlin

Guests: Zamira Setaro - Con Edison; Katherine Chen - City College of New York;
Niurqui "Nikki" Imbert-Mariano.

Meeting convened at 10am by Chairperson

Warm welcome was extended to all and those present introduced themselves.

This was the first meeting after the summer break and it was mentioned that the committee had several issues that would be worked on in the coming year.

Together on Diabetes

Rebecca Segal- Senior Program Manager (United Hospital Fund)

Discussed a new program entitled "Together on Diabetes" that has been introduced in our community which helps older adults with diabetes to live well. It is a program designed specifically for seniors. It assists seniors to gain or maintain control of their diabetes and minimize the risks of serious complications.

Weekly classes are offered at community locations in diabetes education, support group, cooking and nutrition programs, exercise classes and individual coaching.

The community sites that are partnering in this program are

ARC XVI Fort Washington	4111 Broadway NY, NY 10033
Riverstone Senior Life Service	99 Fort Washington Ave. NY, NY 10032
YM & YWHA of Washington Heights	54 Nagle Ave. NY, NY 10034
Isabella Community Programs	
Isabella's Resource Center & 50+ Club	515 Audubon Ave. NY< NY 10040

For further info call: 1-855-585-5888, Monday – Friday. 9-5pm

Know Your Resources in the Community

Betty Lehman led a discussion on a directory that is in the works which will give info on all resources in our community that can be supportive for older adults in Washington Heights. Upon its completion, copies will be distributed throughout the community.

In addition, Elderpedia is a website that is up and running whic provides resource information within the Manhattan Borough. The website address is www.Elderpedia.org

Senior Swim

A special program was introduced by the Dept. of Parks this past summer and is offered at city pools. In Washington Heights, it was offered at Highbridge Pool= Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9-11am. Senior Swim offered seniors a stress-free, quieter time to socialize, swim, stretch and enjoy the benefits of water in the park's outdoor pool. The allotted time was for seniors only. Better coordination is planned for next year.

Con Edison

Zamara Setaro, Con Edison- Senior Specialist/Customer Operations

In response to an inquiry, Ms Setaro reminded us to be aware of representatives from other companies that are attempting by phone and door to door appeals to interest customers to switch your utility server. They are not representatives of Con Edison.

FY 14 Budget Pories

Betty Lehman shared and distributed a proposal highlighting older adult issues recommended by WHICOA to bring to the attention of our city agencies. She urged that we read it and offer any additional suggestions. These will be incorporated in our Budget Request Forum to be held in October.

Vanderbilt Clinic Tour

The chairperson reminded us that our last date was cancelled due to a staff emergency and would be rescheduled in October when renovations would be completed. The chairperson will follow this up.

Upcoming Events were announced

12th Annual Health Fair @ Allen Hospital, October 8 & 9, 2012 beginning 9am

9th Annual Isabella Health Fair @ 515 Audubon Ave., October 10, 2012 at beginning at 9am

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – Robert Reynolds – PSC Chair

PSC Members Present (4): Robert Reynolds – Chair, Angelo Ortiz – Asst. Chair, Chris O'Sullivan, Michael Jimenez

CB12 Public Member (1): Dr. Michael Mowatt-Wynn

PSC Members Excused (1): Pastor William T Devlin

CB12 Board Members Present (5): Pamela Palanque--North – Chair, George Fernandez - 1st Vice Chair, Richard Lewis, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Harland Pruden

General Public (10): Captain Fausto B. Pichardo (33rd Precinct), PO Robinson-Hewitt & PO Jimenez (33rd Precinct Community Affairs), Lt. Marchese (34th Precinct), Irene Shulman, Keven L. Carter, Lance Dixon, Charles Erclacker, Carla Zanoni (DNAInfo), John Harrison

Start Time 7:00 PM:

33rd Precinct: There was a brief introduction of the 33rd Precincts new Captain Fausto B. Pichardo who was recently taken Command of the 33rd Precinct. He gave a brief overview of his background and stated that he is in the process of visiting different places and groups in the community to better acquaint himself with the needs of the residents within his Precinct.

There were three burglaries, two arrests made one individual was responsible for multiples burglaries committed previously. One phone snatched in the vicinity of 174th Street, noise pollution is also a major concern being focused on. CB12 Board member Richard Lewis suggested that the NYPD could use decibel meters to determine and maintain noise levels at public events.

34th Precinct: Lt. Marchese spoke on behalf of the 34th Precinct, year to date down 14.6%, 28 days 8.4% reduction, assaults up around Academy Street and Post Avenue. Seventy three motorcycles recovered. Board member Harland Pruden had concerns over public parking spaces allegedly being used illegally by La Marina. I suggested that this issue be discussed at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting, the Board members present agreed.

Resolution on Personal Self-Defense:

Our Committee has conversed with residents on multiple occasions in reference to crime in their neighborhoods. As this is the Public Safety Committee I included on the agenda a discussion in reference to two pieces of pending State legislation in reference to legal concealed carry of firearms by law abiding citizens in New York City and New York State, NYS Senate Bill S1427-2011 and NYS Senate Bill S1863-2011 both Bills support Amendment II of the U.S. Constitution. It is currently legal for law abiding citizens to possess a firearm in New York City for personal defense of the home but not for self-defense outside of the home.

With the consent of the Public Safety Committee I also scheduled a Public Hearing to take place on September 12, 2012 as a forum for the community to give their input. Washington Heights & Inwood has numerous small business owners who may be interested in legally possessing a firearm for their business as well. The discussion was to consist of educating the community on legal firearms ownership for personal self-defense, basic training in the safe usage of firearms, proper home / business storage of firearms and the law regarding use of deadly physical force. I personally invited NYPD Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, Phillip Banks, III Chief of the Community Affairs Bureau and requested a speaker from the NYPD to discuss the law pertaining to the use of deadly physical force. Other knowledgeable speakers were invited as well.

Pamela Palanque--North (Chair of Community Board 12) stated that she did not personally support the intent of the meeting or resolution but she would not prevent the Committee Chairs from discussing any issues that did not violate the by-laws as it is a Democratic process.

Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter (Board member) spoke on behalf of herself as a private citizen where she stated that she did not feel that concealed carry of firearms was required by individuals in New York while also stating that her father possesses firearms and she has safely handled firearms since her youth. She then spoke on behalf of her employer NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat stating that he did not support either of the Bills he also sits on the Judiciary Committee and he voted against NYS Senate Bill S1427-2011. NYS Senate Bill S1863-2011 was sponsored by NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat but Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter stated the Senator inherited the Bill from a previous Senator and that he has requested that the Bill be removed. This requires a vote of the full Senate.

Harland Pruden (Board member) stated that he does not want any of his neighbors to possess firearms at any time for any purpose.

George Fernandez (1st Vice Chair) stated that he felt that I as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee conducted in violation of the by-laws a meeting without the consent of my fellow Committee members and that he has never used his position as a Committee Chair to just do whatever he wanted to do with the Committee. He also stated that we as the Community Board 12 represent the views of our local politicians as well as the community and that the community had been prevented from speaking on the topic at hand. In his opinion the proposed Bills would open the market up to more individuals being able to possess firearms. There was the possibility of someone losing or having their firearm taken from them and that inappropriate storage of a firearm in the home could result in children accidentally gaining access to a firearm. He also stated that the Committee should now be forced to write a resolution renouncing all firearm ownership by law abiding citizens.

Robert Reynolds (Public Safety Committee Chair) I informed Mr. Fernandez that the Community Board has public meetings and that was the full intent of this meeting as well as the Public Hearing that I proposed. Although he had legitimate concerns in reference to the illegal use of firearms the creation of his proposed anti-firearm resolution renouncing legal firearms ownership by law abiding citizens would be in fact an illegal act. Mr. Fernandez stated that it would not be illegal, so I explained that firearms ownership has been determined by the U.S. Supreme Court to be a right protected by the U.S. Constitution. Violating this right would subject Community Board 12 and possibly the Manhattan Borough President's office to a potential lawsuit as per:

42 U.S.C. § 1983: US Code - Civil action for deprivation of rights. Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia, subjects, or causes to be subjected, ***any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress,*** except that in any action brought against a judicial officer for an act or omission taken in such officer's judicial capacity, injunctive relief shall not be granted unless a declaratory decree was violated or declaratory relief was unavailable. For the purposes of this section, any Act of Congress applicable exclusively to the District of Columbia shall be considered to be a statute of the District of Columbia.

Angelo Ortiz (Public Safety Committee Asst. Chair) stated that his research showed that when adding a firearm to a certain population density. It increased the chances for firearm violence.

Chris O'Sullivan (Public Safety Committee member) stated that she felt the documentation that I presented was slanted towards legal firearm ownership and that the documentation contained some substantive and in substantive research material.

Carla Zaroni (DNAInfo) stated that she had some concerns that I had a conflict of interest as I am a federally licensed firearms dealer and therefore should not be allowed to partake in the discussion.

Robert Reynolds (Public Safety Committee Chair) I explained that I had discussed this with the CB12 Parliamentarian and had been informed that there was no conflict of interest as neither Bill created any additional business market. The Bills if passed would only change the location in which a law abiding citizen who was currently qualified to be licensed under the law could possess a firearm outside of the home. A true conflict of interest would have only prevented me from voting on any resolution but would not prevent me from speaking openly.

Pamela Palanque-North (Chair of Community Board 12) suggested that the room take a vote as to rather or not the Public hearing should be conducted.

Voters	Yay	Nay
Public Safety Committee	2	3
Board Members		4
Public		3
Total	2	10

The Public Hearing was voted down. There was no actual discussion during this meeting about possession of firearms for personal self-defense by law abiding citizens. The consensus was that any law abiding citizen who possessed a firearm was guilty by association. Although there was discussion of the public not having a say in the meeting which was untrue, the majority voted down the Public Hearing which in fact contradicts the intent to speak with the public.

The Community Board should be a forum to discuss all legal acts publicly it is not the purview of Community Board 12 members to personally determine what information is and is not shared with the public based upon anyone's personal emotions or opinions towards a topic. The people are supposed to determine for themselves what they want to partake in.

It is my opinion that the Community missed an opportunity to become more educated about the things that affect their community. Restricting law abiding citizens from their Constitutional Rights to discuss or legally possess a firearm does not in any way inhibit criminals from committing crimes with firearms.

End Time 9:00 PM