

Community Board 12, Manhattan
Minutes of the December 19, 2017 General Meeting
Alianza Dominicana (530 W. 166th St., 2nd floor, NYC 10032)

Board Members Present: Richard Allman, Shahabuddeen Ally, Yahaira Alonzo, Mary Anderson, Glennis Aquino, Anita Barberis, Wayne Benjamin, James Berlin, Eleazar Bueno, Jennifer Chung, Jason Compton, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Katherine Diaz, Domingo Estevez, Natalie Espino, Sara Fisher, Fe Florimón, Barbara Frazier, Mitchell Glenn, Fern Hertzberg, Yosef Kalinsky, Osi Kaminer, Andrea Kornbluth, Elizabeth Lehmann, Richard Lewis, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Jay Mazur, Isidro Medina, Rud Morales, Deborah Nabavian, Jonathan Nuñez-Frometa, Ayisha Ogilvie, Mary O’Shaughnessy, Derek Peralta, Angelina Ramirez, Edgar Roman, Steve Simon, Christopher Ventura. **Members Late:** **Members Excused:** Isaiah “Obie” Bing, Maria Luna, Pamela Palanque-North. **Members Absent:** Daryl Cochrane, Ariel Miranda, Victor Peña-Bastella, Jonathan Reyes, Luis Tapia. **Staff:** Ebenezer Smith, Paola Garcia, Ely Silvestre.

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6:42pm **Introductory remarks by Chair,** Shahabuddeen Ally, in the presence of a quorum.

6:43pm **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Eleazar Bueno, second by Derek Peralta, no objection.

6:44m **Adoption of November Minutes** Motion by Mary Anderson, second by Sally Fisher, no objection.

6:45pm **Chair’s report**

- Review of January 2018 calendar. Note changes of times and committee membership committees.
- Introduced Jason Compton who will now take over the Business Development Committee. Bike lanes on Dyckman Street are a problem for local businesses and will be reviewed; Committee will work with the Traffic & Transportation Committee for a possible joint Resolution.
- CB 12 will be co-sponsoring legal clinics for our community. The first is scheduled for tomorrow (Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>); there are fliers in the back.
- Introduced Laurie Tobias Cohen of Congressman Espaillat’s office, who had to leave early. In addition to referencing a written report, she spoke on his success in getting \$500k for immigrant assistance.
- Introduced Angelina Ramirez, Executive Director of the WH BID, who explained the expansion of the BID to support the Inwood community. The BID received discretionary funds two years ago from Councilman Rodriguez to do a study of Inwood businesses. On the basis of the data gathered, the Department of Small Business Services awarded a “Neighborhood 360 Inwood” initiative (\$1.1 million over three years) to identify needs and develop and launch programming. There will be education programs, networking events and other opportunities to discuss and enhance business development. CB12M is a partner in this new initiative.

7pm **District Manager’s report:** Thanked the CB 12 office staff for their work during his absence. In addition:

- The PANYNJ has almost completed a temporary safety net on the south side of the George Washington Bridge. CB12M had passed a Resolution about a year ago demanding this installation. The Bridge is scheduled to be refurbished beginning next year; there will be opportunities for community input on an improved aesthetic for the permanent safety fencing.
- There was a fire on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 106 Fort Washington Ave., a 5-story residential building, with 22 residents being taken to local hospitals. The BP’s office may have some clothing and supplies available to assist those affected.
- The January calendar will be sent out next week unless there are any corrections.

7:09pm **Justice Edwina Mendelson, Office for Justice Initiatives:** Since 1999, “Mobilization for Justice” has been working within the Justice System to provide meaningful access to justice for all – especially those with little or no resources – in all courts. Partner with the NY Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) for the mobile van. Addresses youth part in Manhattan: young people (<18; some as young as 14) charged as adults. I do my best to provide access to justice in a courtroom setting for young people standing trial for various crimes. We are trying to help the court system reach out to communities. To find Help Centers, resources and information about various aspects of the Court and legal system including definitions and general information about almost any type of legal problem you might be having, visit <https://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp> or google “courthelp”. In addition, we are helping to implement the raising of the minimum adult age from 16 to 18. We also have a program to help people who have been crime free for 10+ years with their records to get better jobs, housing, etc. There is information in the back. If you have ideas on how court system can

better address the needs of the community, please let me know: 646-386-3200. She was praised by the Chair as a great Judge, who in turn praised him as a great attorney.

7:16pm **Assemblymember Al Taylor (71<sup>st</sup> AD):** Sworn in 2-1/2 weeks ago. I will be starting a listening tour in the last week of January: listen, wait, listen, then listen some more. I want to represent you in a proud way. Introduced two staff members: Chief of Staff Mariella Rueda, and Constituent Liaison Mina White. Newsletters available in the back.

7:19pm: **Juan Ruano for Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer:**

- Ongoing conversation with the PANYNJ regarding the George Washington Bridge Bus Station. There will be a design charrette for public space which was postponed due to the terrorist attack on the midtown Bus Terminal; new date t/b/d. Mitchell Glenn: I hadn't heard of the original date; will there be better outreach? A: yes.
- New and renewal applications for the Community Board are now open; due in early February. If your term expires and you'd like to continue serving, you MUST reapply. Feel free to contact our office if you are not sure of your term. Shout-out to our youth member, Derek Peralta; we will be looking for more 16- & 17-year-olds. There will be a teen orientation session on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 4p-6:30 in our downtown office (One Centre St. ,19<sup>th</sup> floor).
- We have a little over \$20million in capital grants for CBOs and public schools. Information sessions have ended, but if you'd like to apply, contact me.
- Once again we are holding a disposable diaper drive (in conjunction with the Food Bank of NY and the Girl Scouts Council) to aid local childcare centers and shelters. Please bring donations to our Centre St. or W. 125<sup>th</sup> St. offices.

7:25pm **Nominating Committee Presentation and Election of Officers** Nominating Committee Chair Elizabeth Lorris Ritter introduced the Committee (Jennifer Chung, Gerard Dengel, Angelina Ramirez, and Jonathan Reyes) and explained the Bylaws' requirements to stand for office (member for a year, not on Nominating Committee, attended at least 2/3 of both General and Committee meetings). As there was at least one member standing for each office, there were no nominations for the floor, per the Bylaws. Each candidate had the opportunity to address the assembly and explain their qualifications for office, history with the Board, and goals for the coming term. The following members were running for office, all unopposed: Shahabuddeen Ally, Chair; Richard Lewis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; Isidro Medina, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair; Mitchell Glenn, Secretary, Betty Lehmann, Assistant Secretary; Jason Compton, Treasurer. It was noted that in order to win the office, a candidate must receive affirmative votes from at least one-half-plus-one of those cast, even if running unopposed. Ballots also must be signed, and completed in ink. A ballot was signed out to each Board Member and signed back in; the Committee convened in the back to tally the ballots.

7:55pm **Chair Shah Ally introduced Jordan Barker from the Citizens Committee for NYC** We are a non-profit organization that provides up to \$3,000 for community groups for neighborhood beautification and improvement (e.g., lot clean-ups, community gardens, etc.). Organizations need not have 501(c)(3) status or be incorporated. The deadline for applications is January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fliers are in the back and information is available on the web site ([www.citizensnyc.org](http://www.citizensnyc.org)).

8pm **Public Speakers Session (timekeeping by Jason Compton)**

**Martin Collins, Inwood resident:** Requested public hearings on the rezoning application that will affect Inwood.

**Paul Epstein, Inwood Resident:** announced that there is already a Community Land Trust group already in place for the past two years that has been funded by the City, obviating the need to create a new one. He completely supports the Housing resolution in all other respects.

**Paul Hintersteiner, WH resident:** opposes bike lane on Dyckman and on Ft. George Hill; also spoke out against the President's recent tax bill.

**Joel Yoffie** read a poem of his own composing: Berlin 1933, Auschwitz 1944. ("Tyranny, like Hell, is not easily conquered... remember the Sabbath of ash...")

**Zachary Malter, Educators for Excellence** WH resident and former teacher. Spoke in favor of Youth & Education reso to expand D18 restorative practices pilot program. Not just selective schools get training in restorative practices. Expanding to 3 more districts. That expansion is a good thing for students and teachers. D6 should be beneficiaries of that as well. Focus should be on student learning, not relying on punishment.

**Floyd Lee, Community Health Academy of the Heights** located at 504 W. 158. Backs on W. 157, need speed bump and 15mph on both streets. Requests help from T&T Committee. We also need parking for the school.

**Sumilca Ramos:** Opposed to item #20. Was here last month. It was voted down 7-26-2-0. They withdrew and have now resubmitted. Cited many problems: noise, danger, urinating, fights, etc. Hundreds of 311 calls and \$\$\$thousands in DEP fines. I don't mind a wine/beer license, but not OPL. I was told there would be soundproofing, and instead we got a club, not a restaurant. My fear is that the new place will be just like the old place.

**Pamela Burgos:** my family has been in community for 12+ years. Our representative never informed us that we had to meet w/ the Precinct, which is why we were rejected by the Committee. I just found out about it only three hours ago. I have reached out to 34<sup>th</sup> Pct. to start the process. Please vote in favor of our application (#18).

**Jeannie Dubnau, RENA/NMN4S:** In favor of housing reso re community land trust. This is a big problem in the community. We need to have our vacant land protected. We need the DoT Safety City land, which is valuable, for affordable housing. Nobody uses the safety city; housing is an absolute priority. Lack of affordable housing is one of NYC's and our neighborhood's most important issues. Mayor's MIH hasn't worked, it must be 100% affordable for our community, not for rich people earning \$80-100k.

**Ramon Serrano:** Living above La Potencia. My apt is louder than the restaurant. My brother is schizophrenic, we can't get any sleep. Opposed to #4. (Note: #4 is a negative reso, i.e., opposing the application, so actually in favor of reso.)

**Irwin Forbes:** specialized HS team. Chancellor Fariña trying to increase diversity in specialized HS. If you have people working with 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> graders to get them prepared for the SHSAT they will do better. Even if they fail it the first time, they can take it again in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to do better. We want to let folks know about the HS application/testing process. Free test prep program called DREAM (from Spec. HS Inst). Must be invited, but it is a great opportunity.

**Jairo de la Paz:** Owner of Fat Pig. Applying to change the business' Method of Op. Fat Pig doesn't have happy hour. Trying to add that. Please support #10. It's a restaurant, we don't have music. Want to add DJ for happy hour, that's what this neighborhood wants. I have no violations. Without this, we can't survive and will lose our lease.

**Sarah Fisher, Friends of Inwood Hill Park:** Earth Day, 4/20-4/22. International theme is "end plastics pollution". Also: shout-out to WeACT & Cecil Corbin Marks/Peggy Shepherd: today was the City Council's final Stated Meeting for 2017, during which the Council passed intro 385, the Asthma-Free Housing Act.

#### 8:22pm **Representatives of Elected Officials**

- **Paola <lastname?>, Mayor's Office:** Thanks for coming to the holiday party at Gracie Mansion. Happy holidays.
- **Jessica Reynoso, for Public Advocate Tish James:** Keep up the fight. Happy holidays. See newsletter.
- **Kiani Diaz, for Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez:** happy holidays. Party here Friday night. Those not able to attend he is having a concert at Aaron Davis Hall on Thursday at 7pm.
- **Manny Belliard for Councilmember Mark Levine:** Mobile food pantry at our office on 1/24. Preregister at our office, get fresh fruits/veg for the first 180 people who apply. See report. Happy holidays, safe travels.
- **Richard Allman, Assemblymember Carmen De La Rosa:** Landmark suicide prevention bill passed. Happy holidays.

8:25pm **Nominating Committee** 39 ballots were distributed and collected. All candidates was elected: Richard Lewis & Betty Lehmann unanimously (39 votes); Shahabuddeen Ally, Isidro Medina, Mitchell Glenn, & Jason Compton with 38.

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#### 8:29pm **Business Section**

8:29pm **Youth & Education Committee (Fé Florimón, Chair):** Spoke about a youth entertainment holiday program at Isabella on Saturday. Thanks to Isabella for all of their many contributions to the community, and to Betty for her hard work. Also thanked other Board Committee Chairs who helped make the event a success: Fern Hertzberg, Mary Anderson, Isidro Medina. Presented resolution in support of Safer and more Supportive schools in CSD6. There were no questions/discussion.

8:36pm **Licensing Committee (Isidro Medina, Chair; Gerard Dengel & Osi Kaminer, Assistant Chairs)** Introduced 16 resolutions (#5, #9, #14, #16, #19 & #21 having been withdrawn. Referred to minutes, Osi offered the following corrections. Reso 8B will change from "no objection" to "objection". Family affiliation between "Eat at Sherman Creek" and "the Cliff". There have been 8 assaults. Some of the crowd that went to the latter may go to the former. There's noise there 24/7, raised by community members and also a CB member. Item #10, even though we passed, the owner emphasized that there would be no 3<sup>rd</sup> party promoters and DJ wouldn't play past 1am. Re: #14, which was withdrawn, there was a problem and I want to thank the office staff because if they hadn't called the proper owner at the number

that appeared on the application we wouldn't have known what was truly happening w/ the application. There are two owners claiming ownership of that entity and there is confusion. When we called the applicant he didn't show up. Then two owners showed up, so we couldn't make a decision because it wasn't clear who was legally entitled to speak to the application. It was withdrawn. This is one of the many reasons that the 34<sup>th</sup> Pct. will not recommend any application if the owner – the actual owner, not (someone claiming to be) a representative of the owner. They have the resources to provide intel on method of operation, history, and conditions. Osi read a letter from Officer Peña regarding item #14. Re: #20: came before us last month and was rejected. Met w/ 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct., which had no problem w/ the application, as long as they meet monthly w/ 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct. to ensure that complaints from residents are addressed. New owners have indicated that they will reach out to residents. Based on that, the Committee voted to approve.

Wayne Benjamin: clarify diff btw 8a/8b? A: 8a is a renewal. We voted to approve it because the SLA approves, so we wanted to save our objections for 8b, which is the Change in Method of Operation. Rud Morales: re #17 they say they were business partners w/ Ganesha, which I owned/operated. Based on that the Pct recommended against. As owner of Ganesha, I had nothing to do w/ these people. A: Two different places, this is "Ganisha", not Rud's place, "Ganesha". Mitchell Glenn: I don't mind that they want to add happy hour, but what does that have to do w/ DJ, karaoke, promoters? Is this a standard SLA thing? If the approval includes all of that, is there anything that prevents them from doing all of that? It's unclear what we're approving. A: No DJ/live music/happy hour after 1am, and no promoter at all; it's in the stipulations. Barbara Frazier: there's a back yard which abuts windows. But it's advertised that there are tables even though it's a fine. If they use it they will be subject to fines. A: They are not using it; don't need stip for that. Domingo Estevez: concern regarding #4, just opened two months ago, there are lots of complaints. The minutes say that they were making noise for two years, but how is that possible if they were closed up until two months ago. Also, it's a due process issue that if you're affiliated w/ someone who had a problem then you'd be a problematic biz as well. Why punish someone for what their family does if that person wasn't part of the family business? Sara Fisher: How many late-night extensions have been approved for New Year's Eve? A: The SLA hadn't yet released that information. 35 applied for; no news yet as to what was approved. Barbara Frazier: clarifying questions on 17 & 18: they are positive, but the Pct. didn't approve, so feel free to vote your conscience. Steve Simon: Re: #7, if the Board voted against twice for renewal, and for a sidewalk café, what has changed that the Committee now supports? A: the Pct. had no concerns, there were no excessive complaints from neighbors. Re: #20 did the owner meet w/ Pct.? A: yes, plus they also agreed to meet on a monthly basis going forward. Detective said that if they didn't meet he would advise Isidro; he hasn't heard to the contrary so it's assumed that the meeting occurred.

Osi: additional corrections: Thurs/Sat til 4pm-2am, (not 3am). #1: total chairs is 32 (not 31). Questions: which applicants do not operate according to their SLA method of operation? This is as relates to #4, #6, #8a, #10, #11? A: I can't answer that question. Gerard Dengel: on Licensing, our applications ask question and our committee members ask questions, this information is available to all of us to use to make our decisions.

9:04pm **Housing & Human Services (Ayisha Ogilvie, Committee Chair):** Presented reso on Community trusts. Sara: looks like were endorsing a specific Community Land Trust? Jim Berlin: made a wording suggestion to clarify this point, and remove the definite article and use an indefinite article. Also strike "democratically elected". Also removed 5 of the 6 specifically enumerated sites. All amendments were accepted as "friendly".

9:13pm **Roll Call: 1 Youth & Education, 1 Housing & Human Services, 16 Licensing Committee resolutions.** (#5, #9, #14, #16, #19, & #21 were withdrawn.)

| Item # | Resolution                                                                                                                          | Yes-No-Abstain<br>Not Voting | Disposition   |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| A.     | In support of safer and more supportive schools in CSD6 (Youth & Education)                                                         | 39-0-0-0                     | <i>passed</i> |
| B.     | In support of creating a Community Land Trust in CD12M using underutilized city/state-owned properties (Housing & Human Services)   | 38-0-1-0                     | <i>passed</i> |
| 1.     | No Objection to SLA renewal of On-Premise Liquor License to Hallacas Corp. d/b/a Junior's Tacos (253-257 Sherman Ave., @ Isham St.) | 39-0-0-0                     | <i>passed</i> |

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| 2.  | No Objection to SLA renewal of On-Premise Liquor License for Kiara Foods d/b/a Manolo Tapas (4165/4167/4169 Broadway, btw. W. 176 <sup>th</sup> /177 <sup>th</sup> Streets)                                                     | 39-0-0-0         | <i>passed</i>         |
| 3.  | No Objection to SLA renewal of Restaurant Wine License for Benjamin Ramirez d/b/a El Guanaco Restaurant & Pupuseria (4195 Broadway @ W. 178 <sup>th</sup> St.)                                                                  | 39-0-0-0         | <i>passed</i>         |
| 4.  | <b>Objecting</b> to SLA Alteration application to Change Method of Operation to change bar closing time and add karaoke/DJ at La Nueva Potencia d/b/a Zoe Restaurant & Bar (1559 St. Nicholas Ave., @ W. 178 <sup>th</sup> St.) | 31-8-0-0         | <i>passed</i>         |
| 5.  | No Objection to SLA Alteration application to Change Method of Operation to add a DJ Fri/Sat/Sun at 151 Nagle Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Harmoni (151 Nagle Ave., btw. Arden & Thayer Streets)                                      | n/a              | <i>withdrawn</i>      |
| 6.  | <b>Objecting</b> to SLA Alteration application to Change Method of Operation to add a DJ & live music at Eat at Sherman Creek Inc. d/b/a Taboga (421 W. 202 <sup>nd</sup> St., btw. Ninth & Tenth Avenues)                      | 31-8-0-0         | <i>passed</i>         |
| 7.  | <b>Objecting</b> to SLA Alteration application to Change Method of Operation to add DJ & live music at WFRB Inc. d/b/a Nebula Bar & Kitchen (141 Nagle Ave., btw. Arden & Thayer Streets)                                       | 20-18-1-0        | <i>passed</i>         |
| 8a. | No Objection to SLA renewal of On-Premise Liquor License for El Nuevo Jobo Restaurant & Bar (3915 Broadway, store #3 & #4, corner of W. 164 <sup>th</sup> St.)                                                                  | 37-11-1-0        | <i>passed</i>         |
| 8b. | <b>Objecting</b> to SLA Alteration application to Change Method of Operation to add DJ at El Nuevo Jobo Restaurant & Bar (3915 Broadway, store #3 & #4, @ W. 164 <sup>th</sup> St.)                                             | 37-2-0-0         | <i>passed</i>         |
| 9.  | No Objection to SLA Alteration application to Change Method of Operation to add DJ at Pirata Tapas Inc. d/b/a Viale (3950 Tenth Ave., store #1, @ W. 211 <sup>th</sup> St.)                                                     | n/a              | <i>withdrawn</i>      |
| 10. | No Objection to SLA Alteration application to Change Method of Operation to add DJ, promoters, Happy Hour, live music, & keraoke at Fat Pig Inc., (120 Dyckman St., btw. Nagle & Post Avenues)                                  | 25-13-1-0        | <i>passed</i>         |
| 11. | No Objection to SLA Alteration application to Change Method of Operation to renovate restaurant by reallocating bar at 151 Dyckman Corp. d/b/a Lotus Café (151 Dyckman St., @ Sherman Ave.)                                     | 31-7-1-0         | <i>passed</i>         |
| 12. | No Objection to SLA Alteration application to Change Method of Operation to extend hours of operation from 8am-1am 7 days/week DJ at 4986 Cocina Latina Rest Inc. (4986 Broadway @ W. 211 <sup>th</sup> St.)                    | 37-2-0-0         | <i>passed</i>         |
| 13. | No Objection to SLA corporate license change (Change of Principal) for 4986 Cocina Latina Rest Inc. (4986 Broadway @ W. 211 <sup>th</sup> St.)                                                                                  | 39-0-0-0         | <i>passed</i>         |
| 14. | No Objection to SLA corporate license change (nature of change not disclosed) for 4455 Broadway Restaurant Group Inc. d/b/a Bodega Pizza (4455 Broadway btw. W. 190 <sup>th</sup> /192 <sup>nd</sup> Streets)                   | n/a              | <i>withdrawn</i>      |
| 15. | No Objection to SLA corporate license class change (from Wine to On-Premise Liquor License) for Francisco & Francisco Inc. d/b/a Pop & Pour (200 Dyckman St., Store #8, btw. Broadway & Sherman Ave.)                           | 34-4-1-0         | <i>passed</i>         |
| 16. | No Objection to SLA new On-Premise Liquor License for Chedeville Inc. d/b/a Sterling Affair (216 Ft. Washington Ave., btw. W. 168 <sup>th</sup> /169 <sup>th</sup> Avenues)                                                     | n/a              | <i>withdrawn</i>      |
| 17. | No Objection to SLA new On-Premise Liquor License for Anubis Bar Corp. d/b/a TBD (524 W. 207 <sup>th</sup> St., btw. Post & Sherman Avenues)                                                                                    | <b>13-24-2-0</b> | <b><i>failed*</i></b> |
| 18. | No Objection to SLA renewal of On-Premise Liquor License for Burgos Restaurant Corp. d/b/a TBD (206 Dyckman St. btw. Broadway & Vermilyea Ave.)                                                                                 | <b>18-19-2-0</b> | <b><i>failed*</i></b> |
| 19. | No Objection to SLA new On-Premise Liquor License for Zoho Kitchen & Bar Inc. d/b/a TBD (1650 St. Nicholas Ave., btw. W. 192 <sup>nd</sup> /193 <sup>rd</sup> Streets)                                                          | n/a              | <i>withdrawn</i>      |
| 20. | No Objection to SLA new On-Premise Liquor License for D & C Restaurant Bar & Grill Corp. d/b/a TBD (2244 Amsterdam Ave., @ W. 172 <sup>nd</sup> St.)                                                                            | <b>15-22-2-0</b> | <b><i>failed*</i></b> |
| 21. | No Objection to SLA new On-Premise Liquor License for Café Tabaco y Ron Corp. d/b/a TBD (501 W. 214 <sup>th</sup> St. @ Tenth Ave.)                                                                                             | n/a              | <i>withdrawn</i>      |

\*By convention these become negative resolutions which pass 24-13-2-0, 21-18-x-0, & 22-15-2-0, respectively.

Please refer to Committee meeting minutes for reports. In addition:

9:35pm **Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee (Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair):** The possibility of a dog run in Bennett Park was discussed with no final decision; additional information requested from NYC Parks. At the next meeting, there will be a discussion about landmarking of Inwood Hill Park, and a discussion of floating pools in public waterways (e.g., the Hudson or Harlem Rivers). Happy Hannukah.

9:38pm **Land Use Committee (Wayne Benjamin, Chair):**

- Consideration is being given to creating a Landmark District in Inwood Hill Park
- The Committee is concerned with the redevelopment of the former Rite Aid site and will be in discussion with Mr. Catsimitides, who owns the site.
- All are reminded about the calendar for the Inwood Rezoning application and the need for discussion at each Committee prior to the March 27<sup>th</sup> deadline for response, i.e., at the in January and/or February Committee meetings. See handout: "Inwood – Next Steps".

9:40pm **Traffic & Transportation Committee (Debbie Nabavian, Assistant Chair):** Items #2 & #3 in the minutes do not warrant Resolutions at this time. Items #5 & #6 concern the CUMC Haven Plaza application, which is a matter of serious community concern; more meetings to follow.

9:43pm **Public Safety Committee (Richard Lewis, Assistant Chair):**

- Presentations by 33<sup>rd</sup> & 34<sup>th</sup> Pcts on community crime statistics. Burglaries, grand larcenies and auto thefts are up.
- FDNY & SBS spoke about assistance begin provided to commercial tenants affected by the recent fire on Nagle Ave.
- CUCS spoke about the 12 homeless encampments they identified in our community.
- DoH is working with the WH CORNER Project, a harm reduction program, to deal with the opioid epidemic in our community. The DOH distributed Narcan (an opioid overdose antidote) and suggested there be more training within CD12. There were 62k deaths nationwide from opioid overdoses last year.

9:45pm **Health & Environment Committee (Steve Simon, Chair):**

- We received a report from the DOH on trends on HIV; CD12M ranks in the top 10 citywide for number of diagnoses.
- There was a ribbon cutting at NYP's new Adult Emergency Department; it expanded from 44 to 88 treatment bays.
- NYP'S Allen Hospital will present an update on new services for the community.
- Isabella is now affiliated with MJHS Health System.

9:47pm **Aging Committee (Mary Anderson, Chair):** Thanked the Youth & Education Committee for joint work in providing holiday entertainment for the seniors at Isabella.

9:48pm **Business Development Committee (Jonathan Reyes, Chair):** There will be follow up with DOT on the bike lane situation on Dyckman Street. CB12M previously passed a Resolution regarding a bike lane on one side only – not both. This matter will be pursued further with DOT.

9:49pm **Mariel de la Cruz, Comptroller:** The Comptroller's MWBE Report will be presented in January. Also, we would like to attend your community events and send a representative from the Comptroller's Office, but we need to be notified of these upcoming events.

9:50pm There being no new business, a **motion to adjourn** was made, seconded, and approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary, with assistance from Betty Lehmann & Richard Lewis.