

Community Board 12, Manhattan
Minutes of the November 28, 2017 General Meeting
Isabella Geriatric Center (515 Audubon Ave., NYC 10040)

Board Members Present (34): Richard Allman, Shahabuddeen Ally, Mary Anderson, Glennis Aquino, Anita Barberis, Wayne Benjamin, James Berlin, Eleazar Bueno, Jennifer Chung, Daryl Cochrane, Jason Compton, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Natalie Espino, Domingo Estevez, Sara Fisher, Fé Florimón, Mitchell Glenn, Fern Hertzberg, Osi Kaminer, Elizabeth Lehmann, Richard Lewis, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Maria Luna, Isidro Medina, Ariel Miranda, Rud Morales, Deborah Nabavian, Jonathan Nuñez-Frometa, Mary O’Shaughnessey, Derek Peralta, Angelina Ramirez, Edgar Roman, Steve Simon. **Members Late (1):** Luis Tapia. **Members Excused (7):** Isaiah “Obie” Bing, Katherine Diaz, Barbara Frazier, Yosef Kalinsky, Ayisha Ogilvie, Jonathan Reyes, Christopher Ventura. **Members Absent (7):** Yahaira Alonzo, Wanda Garcia, Andrea Kornbluth, Jay Mazur, Pamela Palanque-North, Victor Peña-Bastella, Hjordys Perez-Matos. **Staff:** Paola Garcia.

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6:45pm **Call to order & introductory remarks by Chair**, Shahabuddeen Ally, a quorum having been achieved.

6:46pm **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Gerard Dengel, second by Mary Anderson. Add Presentation of Dyckman Scholarships, and amend item re: approval of minutes to include May & June. Passed by voice vote with no objection.

Chair offered thanks to Isabella for hosting in this beautifully renovated room, and for including refreshments (and delicious cake!) for the meeting. Betty Lehmann: thanks to electeds for funding the renovation, which they did since we use this room for many public meetings and events.

6:48pm **Approval of the October, June, & May Minutes** Motion by Eleazar Bueno, second by Maria Luna. No corrections, no objection. Passed by voice vote with no objection.

6:51pm **The Chair yielded his time to the FDNY for a report & brief presentations**

- Battalion Chief Joseph Dudley (13<sup>th</sup> Bat.) gave an update on the November 12<sup>th</sup> fire at 150 Nagle Ave. (at Thayer St.). The fire was ruled accidental. It was in a drycleaners, which was under renovation and a saw sparked. There were lots of plastics, chemicals and other flammables present. The fire extended to ceiling area, known as the cockloft, a large open area. The fire was contained, and damaged the adjacent businesses in the building. Two stores were closed for business at the time of the fire, others were open but evacuated timely. There was no loss of life and only minor injuries which were treated on the scene. Containment was an exterior operation. The building has since been demolished. There was no smoke detector – usually the most important thing in early notification and lifesaving – which is not unusual in this instance since it was under construction at the time.
- Fire Prevention Lt. Frank Manetta & Capt. Al Blacker from Fire Safety Education unit. Providing literature and giveaways (night lights, smoke detector batteries). We’d always rather visit people in meetings like this than at a fire. Last year was an historic low, 48 fatalities. This year-to-date there are 42 fatalities. That’s still too high –we want it to go down to zero – but better than 1970 with 310 fatalities. Make no mistake, the easiest thing starts with smoke alarms. We have a Red Cross (877-RED-CROSS) program to give our detectors, and batteries, though newer ones are 10-year sealed units. The #1 cause of fires is kitchen related. For fatal fires, the #1 cause is electrical. You have to have a plan; that info on table as well. Also, planning is specific to community: depends on the kind of house: single family, apartment building, and whether or not it is fireproof construction. We have a lot of non-fireproof buildings (i.e., with fire escapes) so the plan for escape is different; for fireproof construction it is usually best to shelter in place. Other risks are common to this holiday season: dry trees, holiday lights, candles, etc. Call us if you want us to come to your community group: 718-281-3870.
- CJ James Assistant Director for Community Affairs. We do workshops, CPR training. Call (718-999-1460) or email ([clement.james@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:clement.james@fdny.nyc.gov)) me to set up an appointment.

7:02pm There was no **District Manager’s report** as Ebenezer Smith is on vacation.

7:04pm **Nominating Committee report (Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair)** Gave a brief summary of the Bylaws with respect to the Offices, the Nominating process, which is really more of a ministerial process to review eligibility in accordance with the bylaws, and to reach out to all eligible members to determine their interest. Note: Pam North, who initially was listed in Nominating Committee report as eligible to stand for office is in fact not eligible by virtue of too many excused

absences for work travel. The following eligible individuals are interested in standing for office: Shahabuddeen Ally, Chair\*; Richard Lewis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair\*; Isidro Medina, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair; Mitchell Glenn, Secretary; Betty Lehman, Assistant Secretary\*; Jason Compton, Treasurer. (\*Denotes incumbent.) The floor was opened up for additional nominations from among the eligible Members. Osi Kaminer nominated Barbara Frazier, who was not in attendance to accept or decline. She will be contacted after the meeting. *[Note: Ms. Frazier was contacted the next day, and respectfully declined, with thanks.]* There were no additional nominations for any office. Since it is not known if Ms. Frazier wishes to stand for office, the candidates' brief speeches were moved to the December meeting. Q (Jim Berlin): It is Community Board tradition and practice to have the speeches in December, and that is the only thing that makes any sense. A: The bylaws are silent on the fact and timing of these speeches, so it is the discretion of the Committee as to when and whether they are given. The Committee reasoned that since people's minds often are made up by the time they come to December meeting, democratic interests are best served if that conversation is started as early as possible. All of the candidates were notified of this and were prepared to make the speeches this evening. By a show of hands all of the members of the Committee were in favor of moving all of the speeches to December in consideration of possibility of Ms. Frazier's candidacy. Q (Domingo Estevez): How is the Nominating Committee convened; are the members appointed by the Chair? A: yes; the procedure for selecting the Nominating Committee is explained in the bylaws. It is often difficult to find 5 or 7 members willing to serve, since often those interested in leadership or extra work of the Board are themselves interested in standing for office (which would obviate their participation on the Nominating Committee).

7:16pm **Announcement by the Chair:** please note the December calendars: General Meeting is the THIRD Tuesday, not the fourth. This is the December meeting's regular date, so missing it will not be automatically excused per the Bylaws.

#### 7:17pm **Public Speakers Session**

**Martin Collins, 2018 ArtStroll Coordinator:** 2018 will be the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Stroll. It goes from W. 135<sup>th</sup> – 220<sup>th</sup> Streets. This annual poster contest will have a \$1K honorarium. Guidelines to be announced Friday. Deadline will be 2/20/18. Last year there were 40 submissions. Once again we are looking for robust participation from Washington Heights, Inwood, and West Harlem. Panel of judges from arts community

**Samantha Cinnick, WH/I Food Council:** currently working on 4 projects: policy/advocacy; gardening (at Swindler's Cove); healthy potlucks; food crawl/restaurant tour. Next event is our holiday party: Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7p-9p at OSA Lutheran Church, 178 Bennett. Flyers in back of room.

**Kayla Fedeson:** Spoke regarding reso #11. Ongoing problem since I moved into bldg. 5 years ago. Previous place was open until 4am and was very noisy, even with windows shut. People gathering, smoking, etc. Also blocking bus lane. During the summer there was a shooting. While 33<sup>rd</sup> couldn't confirm the shooting, this is still reckless endangerment according to NYS penal law. Please vote against this application.

**Sumilca Ramos:** also opposed to #11. Serious noise issues with previous bar. People would come in and smoke in our lobby/vestibule. Worked w/ NYPD to no avail. It's been good without a bar; if we let them have this license it will be a problem. At the end of the day, nobody is checking on stipulations. I went through a lot to get this problem resolved and I cannot go through this again.

**Kassandre Innocent & Vianela Rivas, NYPL:** announced upcoming events at all the branch libraries in CD12. Inwood Library (4790 B'way) is offering NYC public school students' families a last chance to check out a Hotspot for use at home. Hotspots circulate for one year and require an adult library card plus attendance at a brief training. You can sign up online, or call the Library (212-942-2445) for registration information. Also announced a computer training program at the WH branch (1000 St. Nicholas Ave.), and free ESL programming throughout the NYPL system.

**Joel Yoffie** read a poem.

**Bob Fluet** Proprietor on item #16. Has 4 other establishments, 1 in Philly and 3 in Manhattan. Good relationship with neighbors; no history of complaints. Please vote in favor.

**Paul Hintersteiner:** Bike Lane on Dyckman is causing bumper-to-bumper traffic and now traffic on Dyckman is terrible. This didn't used to be a problem. It is unfair to the area and is destroying businesses. Also how will ambulances and garbage trucks get through, and how will trucks unload their goods at stores.

**Ydarian Castillo, Civilian Complaint Review Board:** Investigates, mediates, and in some case prosecutes police misconduct. I am the outreach coordinator for Manhattan. If you have witnessed inappropriate behavior by any member of the NYPD or if you have a complaint: 1-800-341-2272. 100 Church Street, 10<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Lisa Stepanian:** Opposed to Columbia's proposal for a plaza on Haven from W. 169<sup>th</sup> St. to Ft. Washington Ave. Columbia University is #1 landowner in NYC, they are moving into neighborhoods and displacing businesses and housing, and trampling upon people who live in the community who have no say. I have lived here for 30+ years, and you need to listen to us and consider our needs no matter how powerful Columbia is.

**Robert Ortiz:** also longtime resident of Haven Ave. CU has depleted over 300 spaces in the last 30 years, and now they will deplete another 100 spaces. I am pleading with the Community Board to not allow Columbia University CU to continue to take from us. *[Note: this item is under discussion in the Traffic & Transportation Committee, which sent the plan back to CU for additional review of parking impacts to ensure no net loss of parking.]*

**Irwing Forbes, NYC Dept of Ed:** The NYC high school selection process can be super confusing. In addition we also have the specialized high schools. In order to get in, students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade must take the SHSAT. It is really hard to do well on this test without some kind of preparation. We want to partner with organizations to provide assistance, including free books at libraries, in how to prepare in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade so that more students can do well on the test and get into the specialized schools. Left literature, flyers, swag in back. Help spread the word.

**Mary O'Shaughessey:** Looking for candidates with high BP for a research study at Columbia. All participants receive free diagnostics. Call Matthew Brinkman 212-342-5128.

**Natalie Espino, NoMAA:** fall technical assistance institute at Gregorio Luperon, mini symposium around the ideas of cross-sector collaboration and arts initiatives. Roundtables on arts equity, accessibility, and local empowerment; building cultural capacity, supportive and cooperative arts housing; and arts in partnership with literacy & education. Pay-as-you-wish, w/ suggested donation of \$25. Breakfast/lunch included. Saturday 12/2.

**Phil Simpson:** Noted recent NYTimes article on problems with subways. C/M Rodriguez is the Transportation Committee. He can't fix it, that's on the Governor and Mayor. MTA blames overcrowding on most delays. NYT blames it on maintenance, but as anyone who rides the subway knows, overcrowding causes delays and is a serious problem. So does our C/M want to rezone Inwood and add over 14,000 new Inwood residents. Fix the subway first.

**Katherine O'Sullivan, Moving Forward/Unidos & Riverside/Inwood Neighborhood Garden:** there is a letter in your packets from MF/U opposing item #12. It's an eyesore. They've been trying to get a license since 2012. They were rejected when they applied under "Majas" so now she's reapplying under the name "Bajas". A license is a privilege; peaceable enjoyment of your home is a constitutional right. Please oppose this item. Also announced RING tree lighting on Sunday, 12/3 at 4:15pm.

**Bob Burnett, Harlem River Community Rowing:** Last summer we offered a free learn-to-row program off Muscota Marsh dock. 300+ participants. Hoping to return this summer with a more extensive free program. Hoping to add bilingual training. Biggest challenge is to secure storage that is secure and also accessible to the water. We're also hoping to offer a free, off-water program this winter. Looking for space for that as well.

**Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, WH CORNER Project & Cornerstone Chorale:** Community Outreach & Resources, Needle Exchange and Harm Reduction. Provides needed medical, social, educational and other supportive services for IV drug users, and well as doing needle sweeps in park areas in advance of plantings and clean-ups by park volunteers. Gave details on their annual fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Re: Cornerstone Chorale, announced upcoming concert on Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

7:53pm: **Lucile Songhai for Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer:**

- Thanks for cohosting SLA meeting last week. We had over 80 participants. Opportunity for CB members to meet with SLA and learn more and share concerns. Will be circulating notes.
- Direct message from Gale: thanks to northern Manhattan NYers for your generosity following the fires on Nagle Ave. and in W. Harlem earlier this month. Outpouring of donation to help those in need.
- Borough Board voted on Commercial rent tax bills, and passed them. We anticipate that Gardonick's bill will pass at next week's Stated Meeting. Hopeful that the other bill also will pass.
- Once again we are holding a diaper drive in conjunction w/ Food Bank of NY and Girls Scouts. Can drop off at our uptown or downtown offices. Thanks to CB12 Member Rud Morales for her help w/ this last year.
- We will be cohosting town hall (details to follow) to provide eligibility for 9/11 compensation fund. This wasn't just a downtown thing, as many of the folks who lived/worked there then live uptown now.
- The MBP will be awarding millions for capital funding. We ask that you contact our office ASAP to meet w/ budget staff. We will be having budget sessions at both offices to learn about the process if you are a non-profit. We also make funding available to schools, and to Community Boards.

- The NYC Cabaret law just repealed by the Mayor. This will have a huge impact on proliferation of SLA applications. We will continue to push for a Manhattan representative for the Mayor’s Nightlife Task Force.
- Re: 2018 CB applications, we are diligently working to correct the form, which should go out next week. The deadline will be Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> for new members and for current Members seeking reappointment.

8pm **Representatives of Elected Officials**

- **Richard Allman, Assemblymember Carmen De La Rosa:** A/M trip to PR as part of relief effort; turkey giveaways for thanksgiving; working on legislation to support victims of domestic violence; cohosted a town hall in Marble Hall; observed 3 months’ sanctuary of Amanda Morales at Holyrood Church.
- **Manny Belliard for NYC Councilmember Mark Levine:** Mobile food pantry at our office on 12/22. Preregister at our office, fresh fruits/vegetables for the first 180 people who apply. See report.
- **David Bailey for Congressman Adriano Espaillat:** One of six Congressmembers to file Articles of Impeachment against Donald Trump. Fighting the tax plan, which will be disastrous for NYers. Pushing for DREAM Act to be part of the budget, which may trigger a shutdown if there is no movement on this in the budget. Also spoke about fire at 565 W. 144<sup>th</sup> St., which destroyed a residential building of 47 units and displaced the families. Working w/ NYC agencies and officials to find placement in affordable units.
- **Mariel de la Cruz, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer’s Office:** New report on bus lines. Select Bus Service has helped a little, decreasing by a few mph the speed to go crosstown, but that’s hardly worth the inconvenience. How do we have better dispatch, less bunching, etc. Also the human cost of subway delays. Last report: how to help build a credit line. We can email these materials if you want them for your group in bulk. Announced Jewish Heritage event on Tuesday, 12/5, 6:30pm-8:30pm at 60 Centre St.

8:08pm **Dyckman Scholarship (Ross Frommer, CU Associate Dean for Government & Community Affairs):** gave brief history of the scholarship, which is rooted in the philanthropy of Eliza Hamilton, Alexander’s widow, who began a free school in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century for the education of “the poor near Fort Washington on the upper part of the island.” When the school burned down it was closed and its assets transferred to the Dyckman Library, incorporated in 1860. When the NYPL opened a Dyckman branch in the 1920’s, the Dyckman Library reorganized as the Dyckman Institute; in 1943, it dissolved to establish the Dyckman Institute Scholarship at Columbia College, returning to its original mission to assist in the education of students from this neighborhood. Today the Scholarship provides funds for local students who attend Columbia College or CU’s School of Engineering. Shoutouts to Bob Isaac, Zead Ramadan, Anita Barberis, Martina Collins, for their support this year and in the past. Gave update on a prior Dyckman Scholar, Aury Garcia, who is now in her second year of Medical School. Showed a video. Q (Derek Peralta): what are the application criteria? A: No particular criteria. We have need-blind admissions. We have many named scholarships, and many restricted funds, and other scholarships that are more general. If we have a student and we know that we need to come up with x amount of dollars, if they come from WH/I, that fund is one place that we look. Two of our Scholars (Jonathan Mangual, Karina Polanco) couldn’t attend due to class schedule; two gave brief remarks. Jason Cruz, sophomore, studying neuroscience and behavior on pre-med track. Used to volunteer at Isabella, so being her this evening brings things full circle. We are an immigrant family, and this scholarship and opportunity mean so much to us. My post-college plans hopefully will include an MPH, then medical school. Karime Robles, freshman, expressed utmost gratitude, without which I would not be able to say that I am a student at Columbia. Hopefully my degree will help me to give back. Applause for all of the scholars, and to their parents, one of whom was in attendance. There was a brief pause for photos, and for cake!

8:24pm **Business Section**

8:24pm **Executive Committee (Richard Lewis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair):** Presented reso re PANYNJ safety fencing. Build it soon, as the temporary fencing is inadequate: there’s already been a suicide since its installation. Q (Jim Berlin): we all support the suicide prevention goals but the temp fencing is very ugly. A: the aesthetics of the permanent fencing is included in this reso. We will have more information at the next meeting when PANYNJ presents its revised plan.

8:27pm **Land Use (Wayne Benjamin, Committee Chair):**

- Street co-naming for J. Max Bond last Sunday. It was a lovely event. He wasn't born or raised in Washington Heights, but lived over half his life here. When a cross was burned on the lawn of his dorm the school admin threatened to expel HIM if he complained. Those were hard times for minority students, even more now; we've come far.
- Presented a resolution requesting the implementation of zoning regulations to protect solar access: renewable energy is a valuable resource we must preserve we need to update zoning to protect rooftops in the same way that we have protections of light at street level. Steve Simon: delete 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of 6<sup>th</sup> whereas referring to ConEd's plans as unknown; they have mentioned such plans to CB12 Health/Environment Committee. Accepted as friendly.

8:31pm **Licensing Committee (Isidro Medina, Chair; Gerard Dengel & Osi Kaminer, Assistant Chairs)** Introduced 12 resolutions, #5, 8, 9, 10, 14, & 18 having been withdrawn. Referring to minutes, Osi Kaminer offered the following corrections. #16: hours of operation for Fri/Sat: 11am-4am. Applicants who were supposed to meet w/ the precinct (#11, #12, #13, #17) and did not even contact the precinct, except for #12, which just contacted the precinct this afternoon. Mitchell Glenn: re #11, the applicant states that there is no relationship with the prior owner, but they are related. A: we have no proof of that, but the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct is now insisting that they will only meet with the owner on the license, and will not meet with a representative because it is too confusing with representatives claiming to represent a business when in fact they do not. Wayne: #15 minutes state that Precinct has serious issues w/ the application but the Committee had no objection, how do you reconcile that? A: I don't know; that's the Committee's vote. Steve: re #11, the list of stipulations read that they will not seek any modifications until 11/8/18, but monthly meetings thereafter? A: I will correct minutes, should be starting now. Steve: regarding a Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> email from Moving Forward/Unidos re Bajos, if indeed we previously have voted three times as a Board against a license for Majas Tapas at the same location, why are we considering this now? If so, we should vote against this reso. A: I have to check our records but we have voted against at least one application at that address for a sidewalk café. Steve: #13 is this a new owner? Precinct says there's a long history of issues at this location, it appears to be pretty sordid; unclear if new owner. A: new owner. Steve: #16, says they're meeting w/ 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct; should be 33<sup>rd</sup>? A: yes, and they did meet w/ 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.

Gerard: we hear the complaints and concerns from neighbors. Most impactful thing you can do: there were 600 500' hearings, and only 10 people showed up. This is most impactful if you show up and bring substantive items for persuasion. Also you can go to SLA website directly and make formal complaint, they will investigate and if they confirm it that will start the cascade of action. These two things in addition to calling 311 is most impactful.

9:26pm **Roll Call: 1 Executive, 1 Land Use, 13 Licensing Committee resolutions.** (#5, #8-10, #14, & 18 were withdrawn.)

| Item # | Resolution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes-No-Abstain<br>Not Voting | Disposition      |
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| A.     | Resolution in support of fast-tracking the proposed Port Authority of NY & NJ 2018 Capital Budget items on safety fencing on the George Washington Bridge and other local projects in CD12. (Executive Committee)                                                               | 35-0-0-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| B.     | Resolution requesting the implementation of zoning regulations to protect solar access. (Land Use Committee)                                                                                                                                                                    | 35-0-0-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| 1.     | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of an On-Premise Liquor License: Malecon Restaurant (4141 Broadway at W. 175 <sup>th</sup> St.)                                                                                                                            | 32-2-1-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| 2.     | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of an On-Premise Liquor License: International Drink Group Inc. d/b/a Buddha Beer Bar (4476 Broadway btw. Fairview Ave. & W. 192 <sup>nd</sup> St.)                                                                        | 32-2-1-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| 3.     | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of a Restaurant Wine License: Sucre Rosario d/b/a Cafeteria Billar Cibao II (90 Nagle Ave. btw Ellwood & Sickles)                                                                                                          | 33-1-1-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| 4.     | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of a Restaurant Wine License: GC Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Garden Café (4961 Broadway btw. W. 207 <sup>th</sup> & Isham Sts.)                                                                                                 | 33-1-1-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| 5.     | Resolution <b>Objecting</b> to the SLA License Alteration application changing Method of Operation to include karaoke and/or DJ, and change closing time to 4am: La Nueva Potencia Corp. d/b/a Zoe Restaurant & Bar Lounge (1559 St. Nicholas Ave. at W. 188 <sup>th</sup> St.) | n/a                          | <i>withdrawn</i> |

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| 6.  | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA License Alteration application changing Method of Operation to include karaoke and/or DJ, and change bar closing time to 4am: Brown Sugar Bar & Restaurant Inc. – 5060 Broadway (corner of W. 215 <sup>th</sup> St.) | 28-5-2-0  | <i>passed</i>         |
| 7.  | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA License Alteration application Changing Method of Operation to expand the rear of the restaurant: Floridita Restaurant Uptown Inc. (4162 Broadway btw W. 176 <sup>th</sup> /177 <sup>th</sup> Streets)               | 33-1-1-0  | <i>passed</i>         |
| 8.  | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA License Alteration application changing Method of Operation to renovate restaurant by reallocating bar: 151 Dyckman Corp. d/b/a Lotus Café (151 Dyckman St. at Sherman Ave.)                                         | n/a       | <i>withdrawn</i>      |
| 9.  | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA License Alteration application changing Method of Operation to a DJ Friday/Saturday/Sunday, w/ 10pm closing: 151 Nagle Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Harmoni (151 Nagle Ave. btw Arden & Thayer Streets)                    | n/a       | <i>withdrawn</i>      |
| 10. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor License: 3795 Rest. Group, LLC – 3795 Tenth Ave. btw W. 202 <sup>nd</sup> /203 <sup>rd</sup> Streets)                                                                                           | n/a       | <i>withdrawn</i>      |
| 11. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License: 2244 Cristina Restaurant Corp. (2244 Amsterdam Ave. at W. 172nd St.)                                                                                                                 | 7-26-2-0  | <b><i>failed*</i></b> |
| 12. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License: Baja’s Tapas Restaurant & Bar Inc. d/b/a TBD (229 Dyckman St. btw Broadway/Seaman)                                                                                                   | 8-25-2-0  | <b><i>failed*</i></b> |
| 13. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License: Taco Boutique Corp. d/b/a 7 Tacos Mexican Cuisine (101 Sherman Ave., Store #3, btw Dyckman & Academy Streets)                                                                        | 19-13-2   | <i>passed</i>         |
| 14. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License: NYC Cliff Inc. d/b/a TBD (440 W. 202 <sup>nd</sup> St. btw Ninth & Tenth Avenues)                                                                                                    | n/a       | <i>withdrawn</i>      |
| 15. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License: Abisinas Café Lounge d/b/a NAVA NYC (377-381 Audubon Ave. at W. 184th St.)                                                                                                           | 11-20-4-0 | <b><i>failed*</i></b> |
| 16. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor License: Boxers Washington Heights LLC. d/b/a Boxers Washington Heights (3820 Broadway at W. 159th St.)                                                                                         | 29-4-2-0  | <i>passed</i>         |
| 17. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor License: Tuntichart Thai Corp. d/b/a Rain II (1095 Saint Nicholas Ave. at W. 165th St.)                                                                                                         | 23-10-2-0 | <i>passed</i>         |
| 18. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor License: Mexican Beauty Corp. d/b/a TBD (3803 Tenth Ave. btw W. 202 <sup>nd</sup> /203 <sup>rd</sup> Streets)                                                                                   | n/a       | <i>withdrawn</i>      |

NOTE: Items #11, #12, & #15 become negative resolutions (i.e., **Opposing** the application) which pass by votes of 26-7-2-0, 25-8-2-0, and 20-11-4-0, respectively.

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

9pm **Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee (Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair):** Refer to minutes. December meeting will include a discussion on the possibility of establishing a dog run in Bennett Park. Please spread the word to folks you know living in that area so that all those interested in the matter may attend and have their views made known.

9:02pm **Youth & Education Committee (Fé Florimón, Chair):** Refer to minutes. Expressed a special thanks to the Deputy Commissioner of DYCD and the Borough Director of the Mayor’s office of Community Affairs who attended the most recent Committee meeting.

9:04pm **Traffic & Transportation (Debbie Nabavian, Committee Assistant Chair):** Refer to minutes. Also:

- The highlight of the last meeting was a substantive discussion on the proposed Haven Avenue Plaza and its impact on parking in the area. CUMC plans to return to the next meeting for further follow-up and discussion.
- Maria Luna suggested that the community should be provided advance notice on changes in street signs. The City is making money from community residents who are being ticketed for rule infractions that they are not aware of.

9:06m **Public Safety (Richard Lewis, Committee Assistant Chair):** At the meeting, presentations were made by DHS and Project Renewal on local homeless outreach, and by the Borough President's Office on the LinkNYC System. We have achieved two concessions on the LinkNYC kiosks: the system cameras are turned on with data collected every 7 days and we will be informed immediately on any 'notice to proceed' issued by DoITT for future installations in CB12M. At our next meeting we will have two outreach services (the Washington Height Corner Project and the Center for Urban Community Services), reports on the aftermath of the Nagle Avenue fire, and opioid overdose training (with Naloxone) by DOH. The meeting will take place offsite at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

9:08pm **Health & Environment (Steve Simon, Committee Chair):**

- STAR Substance Abuse Program were present at the last meeting to announce the expansion of their substance abuse treatment services to the community due to their relocation to 2406-12 Amsterdam Avenue.
- At the next meeting, there will be a presentation by the Clinical Director of the Project Renewal Men's Shelter, and NY Presbyterian Hospital will give an update on the HIV AIDS Treatment program in our community.

9:10pm **Ageing (Mary Anderson, Committee Chair):** Refer to minutes

The Business Development and Housing & Human Services Committees had no report. Refer to minutes.

9:11pm **Announcements:** Maria Luna announced that the Armory is hosting a special Holiday function on December 15<sup>th</sup>; invitations to follow by mail.

Secretary Elizabeth Lorris Ritter announced that 35 CB 12 members had voted and that all Resolutions had passed except for #11 and #15 which had failed. *[Note: a subsequent review of the tally showed that #12 also failed, but this was initially overlooked due to a transposition error.]*

9:13pm There being no new business, a **motion to adjourn** was made by Gerard Dangle, seconded by Richard Lewis, and approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary