

**Community Board 12, Manhattan**  
**Minutes of the October 24, 2017 General Meeting**  
**Campbell Sports Center (W. 218<sup>th</sup> & Broadway, NYC 10034)**

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

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6:50pm **Meeting called to order by Shahabuddeen Ally, Chair**, quorum having been achieved at 6:40pm.

6:50pm **Adoption of the agenda:** Motion by Gerard Dengel, second by Mary Anderson. No objections.

6:45pm **Approval of Minutes of 9/26/17 General meeting:** Motion by Daryl Cochrane, second by Liz Ritter. No objections.

6:47pm **Chair's Report: Shahabuddeen Ally**

- Later we may need to go into Executive Session on a personnel matter. There is a resolution in your folders. If there is no discussion we do not need to go into Executive Session, so read to see if you have questions to ask/discuss.
- CB12M hats were distributed to all members to wear with pride when representing the Board at public events. ☺
- Access to justice and availability of legal resources in the community is a real issue within our district. There are many barriers to service, though there are some non-profits which provide free legal services to the community. The New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) has mobile vans. They'll commit to coming to CD12 at least on a monthly basis <applause>, though at this time they cannot commit to weekly. Gave NYLAG a Certificate of Appreciation.
- Amy Hozer, from NYLAG gave a brief presentation. We are a non-profit. We come into the community with a 41' van that has two offices and a waiting area. We can see two people every 45 minutes. We do Housing (tenant) law, family law, immigration, and other civil legal services. We are staffed with lawyers and law students. We do intake services onsite, with possible legal representation going forward depending on need and availability. [www.nylag.org](http://www.nylag.org) for appointments and to learn the location of the van. We offer services 5-6 days/week. All we need is a place to park and access to bathrooms.
- Neighborhood Defender Services also is willing to provide legal services in the community if we can find them a place. Stacy Charland gave a brief presentation: We are a family defense practice, defending parents in child welfare services cases. Founded 1990. Holistic public defense services, including pre-arrest and pre-arraignment services. Also civil practice – housing court, immigration proceedings, re-entry for short- and long-term incarcerations as well as collateral consequences of interaction with the criminal justice system.
- There will be a New Member Orientation on November 9<sup>th</sup>. All new members are required to attend. Other members are encouraged to attend to brush up on their skills and to meet/mingle with new members.
- Since the fourth Tuesday falls after the fourth Thursday, the November meeting will be held on its usual day: 11/28.

7:06pm **Nominating Committee Report: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair** All members who have served for at least a year, who have attended at least 2/3 of General Meetings in the last year and at least 2/3 of their Committee meetings in the last year, and are not on the Nominating Committee are deemed by our bylaws as eligible to serve. Over the next few weeks a member of the Nominating Committee will be in touch with each eligible member to ask if they are interested in standing for election to one of six Offices: Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in standing for election or would like to suggest someone for consideration you needn't wait for a call, you can contact me or another member of the Committee. We will prepare a slate of all interested, qualified candidates to present in advance of the November General Meeting, during which nominations of eligible members will be accepted from the floor. Elections will be held at the December meeting for terms to begin January 1, 2018. Thanks to Jennifer Chung, Isidro Medina, Angelina Ramirez, and Jonathan Reyes for serving on the Nominating Committee.

7:03pm **Highlights of District Manager’s report**, the full text of which is NOT included in members’ packets:

- Thanks to Liz Ritter for her work on the Budget Consultations and the Capital & Expense Budget Rankings.
- The NYPD has a new program of safety presentations, including giveaway bags, in Senior Centers.
- Gave information about a new study/survey of health in the Latinx community.
- Greyhound now has bus service at the GWBBS. Routes include Washington DC, Baltimore, Boston, and Hartford, with more cities to come.
- Announcement regarding services and events through the WorkForce1 Center on W. 181<sup>st</sup> St.
- Tomorrow (10/25 4pm-6pm) the BP is having a “Rezoning 101” Seminar at Isabella.
- Shah thanked Ebenezer, as well as Paola Garcia & Ely Silvestre, for their hard work.

7:19pm **Lucille Songhai for Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer**

- Congrats to Lesley Almanzar on the recent birth of her child, a son.
- Made another pitch for the Zoning for Small Businesses workshop tomorrow at Isabella. Why are we focused on this? Because we have heard from a lot of residents concerned with the loss of small businesses. We want to make sure that small businesses have the information they need to remain a vital part of community development.
- The MBP is hosting a meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, time and location TBD, with SLA Chair Vincent Bradley. This is for all uptown Boards, not just CB12 (i.e., 9/10/11/12). The SLA Chair wants to hear from residents on their concerns.
- Thaks for taking up the CRT reso on tonight’s agenda. This will go to the Borough Board. We believe in small businesses and we want supermarkets to thrive.
- Tonight is a Land Use training. We’ll do another session so that those who missed it have the opportunity to attend.
- Introduced Jose Ruano, who will be coming to CB12 to cover its meetings. [jruano@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:jruano@manhattanbp.nyc.gov).
- The MBPO is working with Gristede’s regarding their policy of not accepting WIC. Many Manhattan Boards are working with us on this. Representatives of Gristede’s have agreed to meet with us.

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7:27pm **Public Session** (Chaired by Secretary, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter; time-keeping by Gerard Dengel)

**Margaret Connors McQuade, Hispanic Society** Thanks to all for your support of the Hispanic Society’s events, programming, and capital priorities. Announced an upcoming concert series of women in music: free and open to the public. First concert is Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the American Academy of Arts & Letters; enter via Audubon Terrace. The Museum is closed during renovations but programming offsite continues through a variety of community partners. There was a successful exhibition at the Prado (in Madrid) of highlights from our collection. The exhibition will move to Mexico City, Albuquerque, Orlando, Cleveland, and possibly the Brooklyn Museum.

**Joel Yoffie** read a poem about vanity and greed and being drawn into the abyss. There were unsubstantiated allegations of anti-semitism. At the conclusion of his time he continued to speak over the objections of the timekeeper, the Secretary, and the Chair. An audience member shouted that the rude treatment was shameful. When asked by a Board member if it was the Board or the speaker who should be ashamed, she yelled that the Board should be ashamed of its treatment of a member of the public.

**Paul Hintersteiner** Resident of Ft. George Hill, where there were three parked cars hit by a garbage truck in the bike lane. This happens a lot. We need LCD lights.

**Josephine Crisostomo, ThriveNYC** This is NYC’s mental health initiative. There is a hotline. Other services available. Text “NYCwell” for more information. They can give information in-the-moment, assess the situation, and provide help via text, email, or phone, and/or make referrals to services, or if necessary send mobile help. Available 24/7, in 200 languages. They also can provide training in coping skills.

**Katherine O’Sullivan, Moving Forward/Unidos, “Save Inwood Library”** Applaud Licensing Committee on their due diligence and a good job. In the joint meeting with the SLA, I urge you to advocate for the community re: oversaturation of licensing in the community. Re the Inwood Library: the Councilmember assured us that he wouldn’t approve a new library if an interim library isn’t in place. We must hold him accountable to this. Demolition and rebuild will take more than three years, might be more like five years, which is a lifetime for a child.

**Danita Nichols, NYPL Inwood, Ft. Washington & Washington Heights branches** Announced NYPL’s current program for fine forgiveness for children <18. Announced new programming at the Inwood branch on computer programming and coding for kids.

**Mary Anderson, St. Spyridon Church** Upcoming Fair with food, baked goods, raffles, prizes, arts/crafts for sale, etc. Friday & Saturday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, noon-5pm, and Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, noon-4pm.

**Pamar Nalerio, Latin American Cultural Festival** Many free events around the City, including within CD12, in the visual and performing arts for Latin American Culture Week, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Announced schedule, gave out flyer. For more information, visit [www.LACW.net](http://www.LACW.net).

**Karla Fisk, “Save Inwood Library”** Objected to Councilmember Rodriguez being given the opportunity to speak during the Public Session at CB meetings Inwood. As an elected official he has many opportunities to address the public, and the public has very few opportunities to express itself on important views. Also, it is unfair that people were disallowed from speaking since the C/M spoke, and he spoke for “well over 15 minutes,” but members of the public only get to speak for two.

**Zoya Kocur, Moving Forward/Unidos & Northern Manhattan Not 4 Sale/“Save Inwood Library”** US/China infrastructure development to build a tech campus over the MTA rail yards is 44 acres that are not included in the EDC work scope. If that is to be included in Inwood’s development then we must go back to the drawing board. Regarding the library, there is no plan for a library except to tear it down and sell it for \$1 This is an outrage and there will be political hell to pay if this goes through. (Applause.)

**Deborah Cardona** I concur with the two previous speakers and am honored to speak after them. The destruction of the library is a wolf in sheep’s clothing. Remove the wool from your eyes. Silence is complicity. Crime is increasing. There was a shooting on Ft. Washington Ave today. K2 is on the rise. I am a Puerto Rican/Dominican Jew raised in this community. Why was I not appointed to CB12? Is it because I speak out freely and have no personal agenda? You have a responsibility to give us more than you are doing now. You owe us.

**Catarina Rivera, WH/I Food Council** Next meeting is Thursday, 10/26, 7pm-8:30pm at the new Dominican Women’s Development Center, 715 W. 179<sup>th</sup> St. @ Ft. Washington Ave. (in Holyrood Church). This will be a planning meeting for what to do in the coming year. Also, Sunday 10/29, 2pm-4pm at Swindler Cover Park (behind PS5) there will be activities for kids, dancing, scarecrow making, etc. All free. Gave social media contacts.

**Sara Fisher, Northern Manhattan Arts & Culture; Friends of Inwood Hill Park:** Tomorrow, Weds 10/26 at 7pm, at Inwood ArtWorks (in the Stack Building at B’way/204<sup>th</sup>) is the launch of NMAC’s new website, featuring a database for artists, events, spaces, institutions, and other arts resources. On Tuesday, 10/31 for Halloween, from 2pm-5pm we will be having a “Sherman Shriek” event at Sherman Creek Park: face painting, pumpkin decorating, etc. for kids of all ages. Free. Also, congrats to Columbia Lions for their unbeaten 6-0 record this year. But that will come to an end this weekend against Yale.

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7:56pm **Report from Representatives of Elected Officials**

7:56pm **Laurie Tobias-Cohen for Congressman Adriano Espaillat:** referred to report, highlighting the Congressman’s 10-point plan for helping Puerto Rico to get back on its feet. Also provided an example of the human face of the office’s constituent work, sharing a story of a recently orphaned sisters, aged 17 & 25, whose father murdered their mother and then killed himself. Helping them sort out how they will hold onto their Section 8 housing, find a new home that doesn’t have such terrible memories, get scholarships for college. This is the work we do.

7:59pm **Alan Valerio for Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance:** Spoke about the Criminal Justice Investment Initiative, a \$17.1 million program for at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated 16-25 year-olds, offering entrepreneurial skills in the culinary arts and other vocation rehab. Shared flyers.

8pm **Jessica Reynoso for Public Advocate Tish James:** The Public Advocate held a press conference to announce an initiative to get funding for NYC community based organizations to be able to help residents of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands who may be relocating to NYC. The PA also held a press conference to publicize NYC’s worst landlords. October 31, 2017 is the deadline after which employers can no longer ask job applicants about their salary history.

8:02pm **Kiara Diaz for Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez** All are invited to a ceremony on 10/29 at 1:30pm at 181<sup>st</sup> St. & Amsterdam Ave. to commemorate those lost in the AA587 crash 16 years ago on November 12<sup>th</sup>, with a street co-naming at the northwest corner: “Flight 587 Way”. Many of those who perished were from our neighborhood.

8:03pm **Maríel de la Cruz for Comptroller Scott Stringer** The Comptroller supports an initiative that will allow residents to use their rent payment history to help establish a positive credit history. He also is divesting NYC pension funds from for-profit prisons. We should not be supporting these draconian facilities that mistreat incarcerated individuals to make money for shareholders. Q (Liz Ritter): what about the many for-profit companies that provide services in municipally, state, and federally run prisons, such as for phone, mail, and commissary services. As the relative of an incarcerated individual, these companies also are making profits of people's misfortune, and perhaps providing lesser service that if government were providing these services directly. A: we will look into that; do you have a list of vendors we should be looking at? A: Yes, I will send it to you.

8:05pm **Manny Belliard for NYC Councilmember Mark Levine, 7<sup>th</sup> CD**: referred to report. Mentioned a media blackout. Gave info about Participatory Budgeting meetings and how to get involved to fund local capital projects.

**Shah Ally** exercised his prerogative as Chair to correct the record. People are welcome to their opinions, but not to their own facts. No one has ever been denied the opportunity to speak during the public session as a result of an elected official speaking or for any other reason. Last month we had 20+ speakers in the public session, one of whom was allowed to speak well after the Public Session had ended when it was realized that she didn't hear her name called so she got skipped. *[Per the 9/26/17 meeting minutes, the Public Session took 61 minutes, beginning at 7:31pm and ending at 8:32pm. There were 25 speakers in addition to the Councilmember, who spoke for 11 minutes, from 7:55pm-8:06pm.]*

#### 8:08pm **Business Section**

8:08pm **Executive Committee (Presented by Shah Ally, Chair)**: Presented two resolutions: a personnel matter regarding the satisfactory completion of the probationary period, the urging the SUNY Trustees to rescind their approval of a charter school application absent public input. There were no questions and was no discussion on either reso.

8:09pm **Youth & Education Committee (Fe Florimón, Chair)**: Presented a resolution opposing the Zeta Charter School application and its request to SUNY that it be co-located in a District 6 school. Thanks to education advocate and community activist Josh Karan for his advocacy on this issue, and to Liz Ritter for her edits on the draft. Steve Simon: The since SUNY already approved the application, "reject" in the second Resolved clause should be changed to "rescind approval of"; this amendment was accepted as friendly. Domingo Estevez: What does SUNY have to do with an NYC elementary school? A: SUNY grants the charter; some are granted by SUNY, others by NYS Department of Education.

8:17pm **Licensing Committee (Isidro Medina, Chair)**: At our last meeting we considered 30 applications, and finished by 9:30pm, thanks to the professionalism and focus of the Committee and their hard work. Shout-out especially to Osi Kaminer for completing the minutes even while travelling halfway around the world to be with a sick relative. Nine applications were withdrawn, but are included in the agenda so that they can be recorded as having been withdrawn by the applicant. Of the 21 remaining, four are negative resolutions, i.e., opposing the granting of the requested license. All stipulations were received except for #9, #12, & #13. Correction to reso #2: the Whereas refers to serving underage patrons. Q (Steve Simon): What is "LAMP", and the regulation on the 500' rule? A: if there are more than three OPLs within 500', that triggers a hearing. It doesn't automatically mean they can't get an OPL, but it does require that the SLA have a hearing on the matter. Q (Maria Luna): How many licenses were rejected per the 500' rule? A: I don't know. Q (Richard Lewis): Have any of these licenses already been approved by the SLA, as sometimes happens. A: Not to my knowledge? Richard further suggested adding some language to resolutions 9/12/13 noting that the required stipulations weren't received, and changing them to negative resos. Jennifer Chung: I didn't have my stamp at the meeting so I couldn't notarize the stips, but the applicants all signed their stips. The applicants were requested to bring the stips back notarized, which they did not do. Richard: withdraw motion. Barbara Frazier: Fat Pig was controversial last year, saying that they were a Michelin rated restaurant and they were just trying to bring good cuisine uptown not open a club with hookah and karaoke. They were told by the SLA that they couldn't have those things for at least a year, and now here they are asking for this, and even are already doing this without the right license. We must say no. Rud Morales: There is an inaccuracy in the minutes re #18. A: we can correct that offline, but we don't need to discuss it here because the item was withdrawn and we are not voting on it.

~8:29pm **Roll Call on Executive, Youth & Education, & 21 Licensing Committee resolutions.** (Note: there are no #10, #11, #17, #18, #20-22, #28, or #30, those items having been withdrawn.)

Item #	Resolution	Yes-No-Abstain Not Voting	Passed or Failed
A.	Executive: Personnel Action	35-0-0-0	<i>passed</i>
B.	Executive: Resolution recommending New York City Council Passage and Mayor Signing into Law of INT.799A: A Local Law in relation to the Commercial Rent Tax and INT.1472: A Local Law in relation to exempting certain Grocery Stores from the Commercial Rent Tax	35-0-0-0	<i>passed</i>
C.	Youth & Education: Resolution opposing a Charter School application by Zeta Charter Schools	35-0-0-0	<i>passed</i>
1.	Resolution <b>OBJECTING</b> to SLA On-Premise Liquor license renewal: Inwood Beer Garden & Bistro Inc. d/b/a Inwood Bar & Grill (4892 Broadway, btw W. 204 & W. 207 St.)	31-4-0-0	<i>passed</i>
2.	Resolution of OBJECTING to SLA On-Premise Liquor license renewal: Agua Roja Bar Restaurant Corp. (220 Nagle Ave., corner of Academy St.)	34-1-0-0	<i>passed</i>
3.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Restaurant Wine license renewal: Galicia Segundo Rest. Corp. (4083 Broadway, corner of W. 172 St.)	33-2-0-0	<i>passed</i>
4.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine license: Ceci Restaurant Inc. (78 Sherman Ave., btw Thayer & Dyckman Streets)	33-2-0-0	<i>passed</i>
5.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine license: El Nuevo Sabor Corp. (4032 Tenth Ave., btw W. 214 & W. 215 Streets)	33-2-0-0	<i>passed</i>
6.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine license: Japp Business Inc. d/b/a Pick & Eat (4179 Broadway, corner of W. 177 St.)	33-2-0-0	<i>passed</i>
7.	Resolution <b>OBJECTING</b> to SLA Alteration application of its license (Change Method of Operation to include live music, DJ, and karaoke): 151 Nagle Restaurant, Corp. d/b/a Harmoni (151 Nagle Ave., btw Thayer & Arden Streets)	33-2-0-0	<i>passed</i>
8.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Alteration application of its license (Change Method of Operation to include live music, and juke box): Guacamole Corp. d/b/a Guacamole Taqueria (5025 Broadway, store 3&4, btw W. 214 & W. 215 Streets)	29-5-1-0	<i>passed</i>
9.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Alteration license application (Change Method of Operation to include DJ, promote happy hour, non-amplified acoustic guitar, and karaoke): Fat Pig, Inc. (120 Dyckman St., btw Post & Nagle Avenues) *NOTE: since this resolution failed, it automatically became a NEGATIVE resolution which passed, i.e., a resolution recommending that the SLA not grant the License by a vote of 21 in favor, 12 opposed, and 2 abstaining.	<b>12-21-2-0</b>	<b><i>failed*</i></b>
10.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Alteration application of its license (Extension of Premises adding adjacent store onto license): La Lomita Mexican Deli Corp. (3866-68 Tenth Ave., corner of W. 207 St.)	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN
11.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Class Change in Existing Method of Operation of its license (Change class from Restaurant Wine to On-Premises Liquor): La Lomita Mexican Deli Corp. (3866-68 Tenth Ave., corner of W. 207 St.)	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN
12.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Corporate Change license application (Add a Principal): WFRB Inc. d/b/a Nebula Bar & Kitchen (141 Nagle Ave., btw Arden & Thayer Streets)	27-6-2-0	<i>passed</i>
13.	Resolution of No Objection to SLA Corporate Change license application (Change in Principal): El Nuevo Sabor Corp. (4032 Tenth Ave., btw W. 214 & W. 215 Sts.)	36-7-2-0	<i>passed</i>
14.	Resolution of No Objection to DCA Unenclosed Sidewalk Café license renewal: Kismat Indian Restaurant Inc. (603 Fort Washington Ave., corner of W. 187 St.)	34-1-0-1	<i>passed</i>
15.	Resolution of No Objection to DCA Enclosed Sidewalk Café license renewal: Wa-Hi Diner, LLC. (3915 Broadway, corner of W. 164 St.)	32-2-1-0	<i>passed</i>
16.	Resolution of No Objection to the NYC TLC Livery Car Base license renewal: New Heaven Radio Dispatch Corp. (1059 St. Nicholas Ave., corner of W. 163 St.)	34-0-1-0	<i>passed</i>
17.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor license: BHB2 Taboga Inc. d/b/a Sofia (582 W. 207 St., corner of Vermilyea Ave.)	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN
18.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor license: Mexican Beauty Corp. d/b/a TBD (3803 Tenth Ave., btw W. 203 & W. 204 Streets)	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN

19.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor license: Taszo Bistro LLC. d/b/a TBD (366 Audubon Ave., corner of W. 184 St.)	28-7-0-0	<i>passed</i>
20.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor license: 565 West 207 Rest. Group, Inc. d/b/a TBD (565 W. 207 St., btw Sherman & Vermilyea Aves.)	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN
21.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor license: Brendan Straw or 148 Nagle Operating Corp. d/b/a TBD (148 Nagle Ave., corner of Thayer.)	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN
22.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor license: Power 202 LLC. d/b/a TBD (417 W. 202 St., btw Ninth & Tenth Avenues)	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN
23.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor license: El Mambi Steakhouse Corp. d/b/a TBD (4181 Broadway, corner of W. 177 St.)	30-4-1-0	<i>passed</i>
24.	Resolution <b>OBJECTING</b> to a new SLA On-Premises Liquor license: Team Papeleta Inc. d/b/a TBD (104 Dyckman St., btw Nagle & Sherman Avenues)	28-4-3-0	<i>passed</i>
25.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA Restaurant Wine license: EMS Gourmet Corp. d/b/a El Capri Restaurant (1342 St. Nicholas Ave., corner of W. 177 St.)	32-3-0-0	<i>passed</i>
26.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA Restaurant Wine license: Oh Oh Express Pizzeria Restaurant Corp. d/b/a TBD (4226 Broadway, btw W. 179 & W. 180 Sts.)	31-3-0-1	<i>passed</i>
27.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA Restaurant Wine license: 805 V & S Foods Corp. (805 W. 187 St., btw. Cabrini Blvd. & Fort Washington Ave.)	32-3-0-0	<i>passed</i>
28.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA Restaurant Wine license: AAE Enterprise LLC. d/b/a Monumental (550 W. 181 St. btw Audubon & St. Nicholas Avenues)	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN
29.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA Restaurant Wine license: JJ & Diana Inc. d/b/a TBD (1577 St. Nicholas Ave., corner of W. 189 St.)	30-5-0-0	<i>passed</i>
30.	Resolution of No Objection to a new SLA Restaurant Wine license: El Jobito Seafood Restaurant Inc. d/b/a TBD (1579 St. Nicholas Ave., corner of W. 189 St.)	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN

In consideration of time, please refer to Committee meeting minutes.

8:43pm **Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee (Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair):** Thanks for support on Budget Priorities. December meeting will have a discussion of a possible dog run in Bennett Park. There are strong advocates in favor, and strong advocates opposed, and we look forward to a lively and informed discussion. Please let people who live near Bennett Park know about this so that all who will be affected in whatever way have the opportunity to share their views.

8:45pm **Land Use Committee (Wayne Benjamin, Chair):** Refer to the minutes. Attachments 1 & 2 are an up-to-date summary of the Inwood Rezoning EIS process. The Land Use 101 Training offered by the MPBO's office is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>; the Committee plans to hold its meeting at the MPBO's office to take advantage of the training, though there may be a change of plan for the meeting if the MPBO's office can reschedule the training.

8:50pm **Traffic & Transportation Committee (Yahaira Alonzo, Chair):** Refer to the minutes. At the last meeting there was a presentation by Columbia University about closing Haven Avenue between W. 169<sup>th</sup> & W. 168<sup>th</sup> Streets for a pedestrian plaza; the Committee held off on a Resolution pending an additional public meeting hosted by CU. Regarding a previously passed resolution to change the traffic flow of W. 219<sup>th</sup> & W. 220<sup>th</sup> Streets from two-way to one-way (westbound and eastbound, respectively) to comport with the traffic grid and to improve traffic flow, DOT announced that they are following through on the recommendations.

8:53pm **Public Safety Committee (Richard Lewis, Chair):** More than 100 people attended the meeting. Topics included homelessness in the community and the NYC Links Kiosk System. The NYC Link Kiosk System has installed seven towers in our community. Sixteen are active. Residents from the Jumel Terrace area state that the one there has become a magnet for homeless people; NYPD is investigating. Regarding a rise in homelessness and crime in/around the Juan Pablo Duarte Sq. (St. Nicholas/Broadway & W. 170<sup>th</sup> St.), the 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct. representative said they will increase patrols in certain areas, Parks will consider changing the closing hour from 1am to 10pm, and Project Renewal is working with the community to ameliorate the situation.

8:58pm **Health & Environment Committee (Steve Simon, Chair):** The Executive Director of the Human Protection Office on CUMC spoke about the Institutional Review Board (“IRB”) process. There are six IRBs in our community, all of which are looking for community residents to apply to participate in future IRB’s. There is a \$5,000 stipend for sitting on the IRB, which requires a considerable investment of time to attend meetings, review research protocols, and provide feedback. Re the FY’19 Budget Priorities, the top-ranked expense priority for the Board is the expansion of mental health services especially for the youth, elderly and LGBTQ communities.

9:01pm **Aging Committee (Mary Anderson, Chair):** The Committee participated in the Isabella Health Fair on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Mary Anderson and Public Member Norma de Candido hosted an information table about CB 12 and the Aging Committee. More than 200 community seniors were in attendance. There were 54 other community organizations in attendance.

9:04pm **Business Development:** No report; refer to minutes.

9:04pm **Housing & Human Services Committee (Ayisha Ogilvie, Chair):** Refer to minutes. The last meeting considered the possibility of creating a community land trust. I attended a press conference announcing the Comptroller’s initiative to allow rent payments to be used to create an individual’s credit rating, and plan to have the Comptroller’s office make a presentation at the next committee meeting. The Right to Counsel also will be discussed.

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9:07pm **Announcements**

**Maria Luna:** The 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council will meet on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Precinct to discuss homelessness issues. The November meeting will take place on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Barbara Frazier:** The 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council also will meet on October 25<sup>th</sup>, at the YMHA/WA on Nagle Avenue. The topic will be domestic violence.

**Wayne Benjamin:** On November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, St. Nicholas Ave. at W. 162<sup>nd</sup> St. will be named “Max Bond, Jr. Way.” CB12M passed a resolution five years ago in support of this co-naming in honor of Mr. Bond, a renowned architect and active civil rights leader.

**Steve Simon:** The new Riverside Oval 2018 calendars are now available. \$10. Great historical photos.

**Liz Ritter:** All resolutions passed except for #9 – which had a vote of 9 in favor, 21 opposed and 2 abstaining, so it becomes a negative resolution (i.e., opposing the granting of the license by the SLA) which passes, 21-9-2.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary, with help from Betty Lehman, Assistant Secretary