

**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York**

**January 15, 2019**  
**Executive Committee**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

***Executive Committee Members Present:*** R. Lewis (Chair); E. Bueno (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair & Chair, Traffic & Transportation); I. Medina (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair & Chair, Licensing); M. Glenn (Secretary); B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); M. Anderson (Chair, Aging Committee); E. Lorris Ritter (Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs), D. Nabavian (Chair, Traffic & Transportation); A. Ogilvie, (Chair, Housing & Human Services); S. Simon (Chair, (Health & Environment); James Berlin (Parliamentarian), Richard Allman (Chair, LGBT & By-laws Task Forces);

***Excused:*** W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use)

***Absent:*** Fe Florimon, (Chair, Youth & Education)

***Other Board Members Present:*** Osi Kaminer; Sarah Fisher; Tanya Bonner

***Others Present:*** Natalie Espino, Community Liaison, Manhattan Borough President's Office (MBPO)

***Staff:*** Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

**Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair, Richard Lewis**

**Chair's Report: Richard Lewis reported the following:**

- The application process for new and renewed membership on CB 12 is now underway. He introduced Natalie Espino of the MBPO's office who reviewed the process.
- He indicated that CB 12 is looking for mentors who can provide guidance to new CB 12 members.
- He has appointed an interim Chair to the Public Safety Committee – Mary O'Shaughnessy
- He has sent out notices to CB 12 members soliciting their interest in serving on various committees.
- He is evaluating the work of various committees including reviewing the history of resolutions passed.
- Richard Allman brought up the need for leadership development for CB 12 members.
- Eleazar Bueno suggested that CB 12 members do more outreach to the community to generate better attendance at various meetings.

**Review of Calendars:**

- The February Executive Committee meeting will take place on February 19<sup>th</sup> – not the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- All committee Resolutions are due to the CB 12 office by Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> in advance of the Feb 26<sup>th</sup> General meeting.
- The calendars for March and April are correct as drafted.

**District Manager's Report:** Ebenezer Smith reported the following:

- The SLA will schedule hearings regarding the future of La Marina. CB 12 has submitted the Resolution passed in December to the SLA and other interested parties. The SLA hearing will not be opened to the public.
- He has surveyed the matter of faculty parking outside the Success Academy on Cabrini Blvd. He will continue to monitor the situation.
- The Street Co-Naming for late CB 12 members Obie Bing and Pamela Palanque North will be scheduled in late February. The families of each have been contacted about the plan.
- Steve Simon brought up the need for renovation of the playground at 543 West 156<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway & Amsterdam. The Housing Authority was supposed to maintain the park but has not done so. The matter will be referred to the CB 12 Housing Committee for further follow-up.

**Secretary's report:** Mitch Glenn reported the following:

- He has sent letters to Jonathan Reyes and Luis Tapia regarding their attendance records and has not yet gotten a response.
- He has prepared (2) Resolutions to remove them from the Board.  
Motion on Resolution: M Glen; Seconded: Liz Ritter  
Vote: 12-0-0-0 – Resolution passed
- He has sent to all members an email regarding the rules on attendance.
- There was a discussion regarding:
  - Training & Education for new members.
  - The system of letters and notices regarding attendance.
  - A workshop for new committee chairs.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gerard Dengle reported that he is in the process of learning the budget process and will report on CB 12's finances soon.

**Committee Reports:**

**Health & Environment Committee:** Chair Steve Simon, reported the following:

- There was a presentation by the Corner Project updating their activities since they lost their lease. The Corner Project runs a needle exchange program at 181<sup>st</sup> Street & St. Nicholas Avenue location and has a roving van. They would like support as they are pursuing efforts to secure another permanent location in Washington Heights. A Resolution of support was prepared by Liz Ritter and the Committee supported unanimously. The Resolution includes a recommendation of support for a needle exchange program in the 181 Street subway location.
- The New York State Nurses Association provided an update on the contract bargaining taking place between the union and NYP, Mt. Sinai and Montefiore Health Systems.
- Steve Simon provided an update on the brownfield cleanup taking place at 4560 Broadway.
- The Health & Environment Committee is co-hosting a Community Forum on Opioid addiction on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>
- The Committee has asked NYP for an update on the planned closing of the 30 Psych beds at the Allen Hospital.

**Traffic & Transportation Committee:** Chair, Debbie Nabavian reported the following:

- No problems have been reported with regard to the closing of the 168<sup>th</sup> Street subway station.
- # 5 Buses have been added during the peak times to accommodate the closure. A problem was brought up about the fact that the #5 Bus only runs to 178<sup>th</sup> Street – not to 181<sup>st</sup> Street subway stop.

- There is a problem with the relocation without notice of the bus stop at 168<sup>th</sup> Street to 166<sup>th</sup> Street.
- A Resolution was passed asking the State and City to support the “Move NY Plan”, which supports congestion pricing and tolls on the East River bridges.
- A Resolution was passed to ask the Governor to take action with regard to the closing of the 181 Street A train, the 181<sup>st</sup> Street # 1 train and 191<sup>st</sup> Street # 1 train stations for elevator repairs similar to the innovative plans with regard to the L Train planned repairs.

**Land Use:** Chair, Wayne Benjamin was ill, but Committee member Steve Simon reported the following:

- A Resolution was passed regarding Con Ed and the construction of two 4-story buildings.

**Licensing:** Chair, Isidro Medina reported the following:

- Six Resolutions were considered. Three were renewals, two were new applications and one was for a taxi and limousine license.

**Parks & Cultural Affairs:** Chair, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, reported the following:

- Members of the Parks Department attended.
- Two Resolutions were passed – one regarding La Marina and the one regarding the proposed renovation of Ann Loftus Park, which should include new equipment and improvements in accessibility.
- On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the New York Road Runners Club will host the Salsa, Blues & Shamrock Run
- There was a discussion regarding Yeshiva University’s planned changes to the pedestrian plaza between 183<sup>rd</sup> & 186<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- Steve Simon mentioned that Barbara Frazier has some ideas concerning what is needed for Ann Loftus Park.

**Business Development:** Chair, Eleazar Bueno had to leave, but Committee member Tanya Bonner reported the following:

- A Resolution was passed honoring the presence of the newsstand at 168th Street and Broadway which has now been closed. The newsstand has been in that location for the past 70 years.

**Housing & Human Services:** Chair, Ayisha Ogilvie reported the following:

- There was a discussion at the meeting concerning the Ft. Washington Armory and the fact that GDA has received an eviction letter. The Committee passed a Resolution to stay the eviction.
- Rent Reform Part #1 was reviewed by the committee.

**Committee for the Concerns of the Aging:** Chair, Mary Anderson reported the following:

- Elizabeth Cohen of the “All of Us” Research Project presented about the program. They are looking for one million individuals to sign up for this 10 year study in precision medicine.
- Giovanni Feliciano spoke about the Highbridge Senior Program. He plans to attend future meetings

**Youth and Education:** No report at this time.

**Public Safety:** No report at this time.

**New Business:**

Liz Ritter spoke about the need to set up meetings about the upcoming census

Richard Lewis spoke about the need to create and distribute a Media Relations Policy for CB 12.

**Motion to Adjourn: 10:15 pm**

**Minutes prepared by:** Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann  
February 19, 2019