

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN
Executive Committee Meeting
530 West 166th Street, New York, New York

October 15, 2018
Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Executive Committee Members Present: R. Lewis (1st Vice Chair); I. Medina (2nd Vice Chair & Chair, Licensing); M. Glenn (Secretary); B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); M. Anderson (Chair, Aging Committee); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); Matt Levy (Asst. Chair, Business Development); Fe Florimon, (Chair, Youth & Education); E. Lorris Ritter (Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs; S. Simon (Chair, (Health & Environment);

Excused: Shah Ally (Chair)

Absent: D. Nabavian (Chair, Traffic & Transportation); A. Ogilvie, (Chair, Housing & Human Services); James Berlin (Parliamentarian), Richard Allman (Chair, LGBT & By-laws Task Forces);

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Vice Chair, Richard Lewis (Chair Ally was excused due to attendance at UMEZ meeting.

Assistant Chair's Report: Assistant Chair, Richard Lewis, reported the following:

- The live-streaming capability of the communications system is being rolled out. Spectrum is doing the installation. Win-Chime is handling the upgrade to the phone system.
- He attended the Mayor's Technology Lab - which is a consortium of those community board members interested in technology. Three members of CB 12 were appointed to the Mayor's Board – Edgar Roman, Osi Kaminer and Richard Lewis.
- He attended a meeting at GW High School regarding the fate of the High School for Health Careers and Science. Despite the fact that enrollment is 50 students fewer and the budget was cut by \$400,000, the attendance rate was high and the graduation rate was 74%. Aldrin Bonilla of the MPBO's office also attended.

District Manager's Report:

- The installation of live-streaming cameras is underway and the cable has been installed.
- There was a discussion about the filthy situation with the playground at 543 West 146th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam. The park is HPD property and there was a discussion as to who might maintain in the future. CLOTH was suggested and Ebenezer will reach out and invite them to attend the next District Service Cabinet meeting on October 18th.
- Ebenezer was featured on Spanish TV - "Entre Lederes" – where he had a chance to explain the work of CB 12.

Secretary's Report: There was no report at this time.

General Discussion: There was a discussion regarding those who have resigned from the Board. In addition, Andrea Kornbluth, who resigned from the Board, has indicated an interest in returning to the Land Use Committee as a Public Member.

There was a discussion about when and how to distribute the expense and capital budget committee rankings for final total rankings by the committee. The discussion included a suggestion to email the rankings ahead of the meeting, including the rankings in each Board member's packet and allotting 15 minutes at the upcoming General Meeting for the ranking process. It was also decided that the Nominating Committee's report will be part of the Chair's report.

The Calendars for upcoming meetings were reviewed and the following alterations were made:

- ***November:***
 - The Aging Committee will meet at ARC XVI Senior Center on November 1st.
 - The Office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after – November 22nd & 23rd.
 - There is a need for an Inwood location of the November General Meeting.

- ***December***
 - The Aging Committee will meet at the Dyckman Houses Senior Center on December 6th.
 - The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, December 13th.
 - The Youth & Education Committee & the Aging Committee are hosting a special presentation for community seniors at Isabella Geriatric Center on Saturday, Dec. 15th.
 - The General Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 18th.
 - The party for CB 12 members will take place on December 20th –at the Hilltop Tavern.

- ***January***
 - The Land Use Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 9th.
 - The Business Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 8th.
 - The Public Safety & Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 8th.
 - The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 15th.

Treasurer's Report: No report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Traffic & Transportation: No report at this time.

Land Use Committee: Chair, Wayne Benjamin, reported the following:

- There was a presentation by Riseboro Development regarding their plan to construct 159 units of affordable senior housing "as of right" at 37 Hillside Avenue. Construction is to begin in 2019 with occupancy in 2021. Roseboro managers 2,000 units of affordable housing in Brooklyn.
- Sean Rickenbacker of the Bond Center of the City College Architectural Center provided a report on zoning. The report has a lot of date and it was suggested that CB 12 post a link to the report on its web site.

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

- There was a presentation by Kellie Bryant of Columbia University School of Nursing that included Opioid Overdose Response Training. He suggested that Ms. Bryant be invited to conduct a similar presentation at the December General Meeting as this is an important training that everyone should have.
- There was a discussion of the accelerated clean-up plan prior to the demolition of the building at 4650 Broadway in order to construct a 9-story building. The concern has to do with whether the correct permits had been obtained.

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

- 24 Licenses were reviewed in the October meeting. Eight were new licenses, (4) were withdrawn; (1) was rejected and (1) was designated “No Opinion” due to conflicting claims.
- He met with the 34th Precinct about a letter they wrote to him and the Board Chair about the prospect of bringing complaints in advance to the Precinct.
- He visited various establishments and noted an improvement in signage - particularly on Dyckman Street.
- A problem was identified on St. Nicholas between 181st and 183rd Streets in which several characters were extorting excessive sums for individuals to be able to park. After a discussion with the Executive Committee, it was suggested that the local merchants meet with Ebenezer and Isidro at CB 12 offices to review the problem – and then consider a subsequent meeting with the 34th Precinct.
- There was a discussion in the Executive Committee to consider changing the response of the Licensing Committee from “No Opinion” to “CB 12 cannot support this application due to conflicting claims” in cases where this applies.
- Liz Ritter suggested a **Resolution** to change the recommendation of the Licensing Committee regarding this establishment at 3801 to 3809 to change “No Opinion” to “Cannot support this application due to conflicting claims” and the reasons thereof. The Resolution will be sent to Licensing Committee members Osi Kaminer, Matt Levy & Isidro Medina for final review. The final Resolution will be sent to Ebenezer Smith.
- A motion to vote on the Resolution was made by Liz Ritter and seconded by Mitch Glenn.
- **A vote on the Resolution was taken with the result that it passed: 9-0-0-0.**

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

- The rankings by the committee were completed at the meeting.
- A basketball court on 186th Street between Audubon and St. Nicholas is in poor condition and there was a discussion of the ongoing need to repair and maintain the site. DEP and the Parks Department have a role to play in resolving this situation.
- The National Geographic is giving out grants of up to \$150k. The Hispanic Society is a possible recipient and it was suggested that Committee members write/vote to support their application for funding.

Business Development: Assistant Chair, Matt Levy, reported the following:

- The NYC Small Business Services (SBS) presented “Love Your Local” a loan grant program that can provide up to \$90k to small businesses. There were a total of 309 applications of which (50) were for businesses north of 42nd St, (15) were north of 125th Street and (1) was in Washington Heights. It was suggested that this possibility be made more broadly know in Washington Heights.

Public Safety: Chair, Richard Lewis reported the following:

- The meeting reviewed the latest Comp Stat reports of the 33rd and 34th Precincts.
- Both the 33rd and 34th Precincts attended. The NYFD was not represented.

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

- The most recent meeting was held at STAR Senior Center. Riseboro Development Corporation made a presentation about their plan to construct 159 units of affordable housing at 37 Hillside Avenue. The meeting was be-lingual.
- On Saturday, December 15th CB 12’s Aging and Youth & Education Committees are hosting a holiday program for community seniors at Isabella Geriatric Center.

Housing & Human Services: No report at this time.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:25 pm

Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann
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