

**Community Board 12, Manhattan
General Meeting**

**Alianza Triangle Building
2nd Floor Conference Room
530 W. 166th St.
NY. NY. 10032**

October 22nd, 2019

Board Members Present: Richard Allman; Mary Anderson; Glennis Aquino-Gil; Lilliam Arias; Wayne Benjamin; James Berlin; Tanya Bonner; Eleazar Bueno; Daryl Cochrane; Nobles Crawford; Robin Cruz; Waldys Cruz; Gerard Dengel; Katherine Diaz; Domingo Estevez; Gabriela Estrella; Sara Fisher; Fe Florimon; Ashley Fernandez; Mariam James; Danielle Jettoo; Elizabeth Lehmann; Richard R. Lewis; Matthew Levy; Maria Luna; Jay Mazur; Nicholas Martinez; Cindy Matos; Isidro Medina; Rud Morales; Deborah Nabavian; Ayisha Ogilvie; Rosy Perez; Bruce Robertson; Steve Simon; Omar Tejada; Curtis Young

Board Members Absent: Francisco Alvarez; Carolina Charles; Yosef Kalinsky; Osi Kaminer; Francisco Lopez; Noquel Matos, Ariel Miranda; Karen Taylor; Noquel Matos; Jonathan Nunez-Frometa; Karen Taylor

Board Members Absent - Excused: Naysha Diaz; Christopher Ventura

Staff: Ebenezer Smith; Paola Garcia; Shinelle Paniagua

Elected Officials/Representatives Present: Councilman Mark Levine; Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa; Julie Menin, Director of the Census and Executive Assistant Corporation Counsel for Strategic Advocacy; Natalie Espino, Liaison, Office of Manhattan Borough President; Manuel Belliard, Liaison, Office of Councilman Levine; Orlando Ovalles, Liaison, Office of Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa; Wendy Olivo, Liaison, Office of Assemblyman Al Taylor.

Call to Order: *Chair Richard Lewis calls the meeting to order at 6:44 pm. He welcomes everyone.*

Quorum is attained. Agenda is adopted. *Reflecting the fact that the June minutes only had the odd pages, and the Sept. minutes were missing, Chair Liz Ritter recommended we move Minute adoption to next month's General Meeting. Seconded/approved by Chairman Lewis*

Chairman's Report: Richard Lewis' report covered the following topics:

On October 15th, he hosted a meeting of the Board to complete Capital and Expense budget rankings.

- He reviewed the work of the various committees – especially the liquor license committee whose work requires at least 2-3 hours per month. There will be a meeting with the SLA to review what can be done to remedy the work load of this committee.
- He attended many meetings including those held by the Borough Board, UMEZ, Councilman Rodriguez/ State of the District, the EDC, etc.
- The new Community Associate who was hired in July is doing well and her performance will be evaluated shortly.
- He testified at the MTA Board's \$51 billion capital budget hearing regarding the community's' transit needs and the need for shuttle bus service while renovations are underway.
- He announced the formation of the Nominating Committee, chaired by Matt Levy and whose members include Mary Anderson, Robin Cruz, Cindy Matos and Omar Tejada.
- He continues to work with live streaming provides regarding the remaining work that needs to be done for the 6th floor conference room.

District Manager's Report (6:55): Ebenezer Smith's report covered the following topics:

- CB #12, M Budget Ranking FY21 – We worked very hard in the Budget Ranking preparation for Fiscal Year 2021 in this month. We provided all the necessary materials for each committee for their committee ranking. We prepared the board's public hearing on budget ranking for FY21. This meeting was very successful. We have all ranking submitted by the participating board members for the final tabulation and submission to OMB and City Planning before the end of the month.
- The Broadway Bridge Rehabilitation Project – This project still on hold. However, NYC DOT will be cleaning and working on the east sidewalk of the bridge from 7 am to 6 pm during this week. Similar work will be done on the west sidewalk next week.
- Proposed Traffic Pattern Change on Cabrini Blvd. – The 34th Pct. has proposed a traffic pattern change on Cabrini Boulevard between West 190th Street and Margaret Corbin Plaza. The proposed change consists of changing the street operation from one way northbound to one way southbound. Additionally, the 34th Pct. is proposing to change west 190 street from Fort Washington Ave to Cabrini from two-way traffic to a one-way street traveling only east. The purpose of these proposed traffic pattern change is to alleviate the traffic condition caused by Success Academy during the drop-off and pick up the students.
- Staff Evaluation – I performed the 3-months evaluation to Ms. Shinelle Paniagua the new member of our staff as required by the resolution passed by this Board in June 2019.
- Q&A: Member Sara Fisher – Requested a line-item budget should be sent out to all members. Answered, but confirming the report is sent to all the Members that participated in the Public Meeting
 - Chair Liz: Requested DM re-send the list to all Members. Denied by District Manager

Government Officials:

Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President spoke about the following:

- The Charter Commission Ballot Initiatives are very important. Please review them & remember to vote.
- The Public Design Commission voted to approve the design and construction of the statue - "Women Pioneers" - which will feature Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. The statue will be completed by summer 2020 in time for the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.
- On October 27th, the MBPO's office is hosting a Senior event from 12 pm to 3:00 pm at John Jay College.
- A Human Rights Law Workshop will be held in the Uptown Northern Manhattan office at 431 West 135th Street on October 28th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- The MBPO's budget unit is holding four informational workshops for Manhattan's public schools & not-for profits - P.S.'s – Nov. 6th & 13th from 4 pm to 6 pm and NFP's – Nov 7th and 14th from 4 pm to 6 pm.
- The MBPO's office has created a Religious Facilities Task Force that will meet for the first time on Monday, Nov 25th from 6 pm to 8 pm and LCR, 2 Center Street – 19th floor.

Julie Menin, Director of the Census for NYS and Representative from the Federal Census Bureau

- Explained the importance of the Census with regard to Federal budget and fair representation
- Discussed the challenges from the trump administration on the "Citizenship Question"

- Promoted the Census being online, the travesty that 1/3 of NY'rs do not have broadband, and the need to be counted – NY had a 62% self-response rate (CB12 neighborhood was at 78%) last Census.
- **Census begins March 12th!**

Mark Levine – Councilman, District 7 reported the following:

- Promoted the training Councilman Levine's office is giving for working for the Census
- HDfC co-ops are facing a threat from a law that wasn't intended to impact them. Local law 64. Voiced support for making community buildings that were wrongly designated within the law, to fight for their exemptions
- Address electronic access issues – regarding the data it produces and how it can be used for harassment, sold or stolen. Introducing legislation to severely restrict those liabilities

Chris Nichol, Chief of Staff for the Office of Senator Robert Jackson:

- Nov. 4th and 12th – Town Halls on the NY Health Act (w. Lead Sponsors of the Bills)
- Nov. 6th – Climate Justice Summit to let people know about the new legislation (at the Y on Nagle)
- Promoted a pamphlet at the front on the Bills Senator Jackson is Sponsoring

Carmen De La Rosa – Assemblywoman, District, District 72 reported the following:

- Promoted early voting and locations
- As a Manhattan delegation, they'll be attending NYCHA town halls (Nov. 28th first)
- Hyped legislative proposals she'll be introducing in the next session, but did not share what they were yet

Pubic Speakers Session:

Tina Jackson, WeAct.org, Inwood Healthy Homes Workshop – Environmental Justice holding an event this Saturday at PS. 15 from 11am – 1pm, last of 4 meetings for a planning project examining climate change's health impacts in Inwood. Promoted the event's "run of show" and the provided amenities.

Elizabeth Ritter – As a member of the Barack Obama Club, promoting a membership meeting tomorrow at "Word Up". Talking about 1) Early Voting 2) Ballot Propositions 3) NY Health Act. There's a hearing in the Bronx on the Health Act in the Bronx tomorrow at 10am.

Nadine Racine – Convincing to make Bill 1405-2019 a priority. The Bill is being taken-up in the City Council. The bill is ratifying a universal Restaurant Safety for Food Allergens

Denely Lopez – 1399 – to Amend the NY Charter section 20 Chapter 1 to push sustainability measures to combat climate change. Explained the peril NY is in, in regard to what Climate change has in store for us. This law will create a new agency to deal with NY's response to climate change

Alberto Aquino – The Armory is about to start its NY track season. If interested in coming to the Armory, and live in this community, you can go to a track meet for free b/w Nov. – April. Promoted track and health/wellness program, and the flyer being distributed in this meeting. Also announced the Youth Program after school (grades 2 – 8)

Melissa Carreno – Local law 16 75 (City Council) – advocating the amending of the code of NY in regard to distributing information on summer meals for children. Passing this will require the Dept. of Ed. to notify parents via direct mail on the summer meals program. Currently, the law is being supported by 6 other Council members.

Teresa Montono, IG Restaurant Group - Advocating for a Zumba environment that is healthy and free. 11-11 in Inwood is a community gathering place, not only for Zumba, but for so many other events. Item #17 on the agenda

Ariela— Applying for a license, Item 18 and 22. Here to advocate for his diner since this is the second time he's been in front of the board. Dyckman Houses have already approved his location.

Rud Morales – Speaking against Item 18 and 22. Due to personal reasons.

Sara Fisher – Friends of Inwood Hill Park: Forest School, children 1 – 5, 11/9, 9:30 – 11:30
NYRP

Audrey Jimenez - Community Outreach Coordinator of the Breast Cancer Society of Manhattan. Breast Cancer awareness month pre-screening event on Saturday 9-4pm, mobile mammogram. Blood pressure screenings also available. Flyers distributed

Wayne Benjamin – Speaking as the President of the Grinnell Co-op Board. The importance of staying on-top of the efforts to amend local law 64 of 2018. Was supposed to address the developers receiving benefits who are not registering the units in the system. The Grinnell has been caught-up in this law, and needs amendment to rectify a wrong categorization against them

Resolution Reports:

A. Traffic & Transportation: Nicholas Martinez, Chair Resolution requesting improvements to the Shuttle Bus Service at 184th St.

- No Discussion

B. Resolution reinstating eliminated Bx7 Bus Stops in Wash. Heights & Inwood via the Bronx Bus Redesign

- No changes, even though an update was given tonight
- Deborah Nabavian voiced her opposition to this resolution due to the language in the resolution with regard to the Bus Stop distance). Agreed by Chair Martinez and responded to.
- Other members spoke-up on their support of the resolution (Jay Mazur& Jim Berlin).

• **Parks & Cultural Affairs:** Elizabeth Loris Ritter

C. Resolution Opposing the proposed Msgr. Kett Playground Comfort Station Renovation

- Gave background on the wish for the comfort station to have gender neutral bathrooms, against Parks Dept. procedure and inflexibility
- Question: Did committee consider pushing this as a general resolution? Chair Ritter: No. We called upon the Parks Dept. to make that policy change but did not want to overstep the bounds or ask too much.
- Question: Can we change the language of the resolution from gender neutral to all gender? Chair Ritter: Understood, but gender neutral is the optimal language because it has a definition in law

Discussion on the Licensing Committee Resolutions:

Chair Isidro Medina opened the discussion. Highlights follow:

- 6 of the 29 resolutions on the calendar have been withdrawn. (12, 14, 25, 26,29, 31)
- Agenda item 22 and 28 to be reversed from Yes to No – because they have not submitted the proper requirement
- Barbara Frasier questioned Item 18's true owner identity. Isidro Medina replied that the committee's job is not to make a determination of ownership but has moved the item along because a lease was produced.

- Liz Ritter mentioned a resolution passed in 2018 in regard to **Item 18's** issues of lease ownership. **Moved for this item to be withdrawn from consideration and tabled until we get a legal determination.** Moved and seconded. Conversation on if a motion-to-table can even be discussed. Determined that they are not debatable.
- **Resolution to table consideration of Item**
- **Vote: Yes = 24; No = 9; Abstain= 4; Not Voting due to Conflict= 1**
- **The motion to withdraw and table Item #18 passed.**

Voting on the Resolutions:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Resolutions</u>	<u>Voting: Y-N-Abst- Absent-NV</u>	<u>Result</u>
A	Resolution requesting improvements to the Shuttle Bus Service at 184 th St	38-0-0-0	Passed
B	Resolution reinstating eliminated Bx7 Bus Stops in Wash. Heights & Inwood via the Bronx Bus Redesign	37-1-0-0	Passed
C	Resolution Opposing the proposed Msgr. Kett Playground Comfort Station Renovation	37-1-0-0	Passed
1	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Inwood Beer Garden & Bistro Inc. dba Inwood Bar & Grill – 4892 Broadway (btw W 204th & W 207th Street)	35-2-1-0	Passed
2	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Beans & Vines Corp. – 4799 Broadway (corner of Academy Street)	36-1-1-0	Passed
3	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: 4060 Broadway Rest Inc. dba Aquamarina – 4060 Broadway (at the corner of W 171st Street)	36-1-1-0	Passed
4	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Berti Restaurant & Lounge Corp. dba Anubis Bistro - 524 W 207th S. (btw Post & Sherman Avenue)	20-6-2-0	Passed
5	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: The Uptown Garrison Inc. – 823 W181st St. corner of W 181st St.)	34-2-2-0	Passed
6	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Restaurante La Libertad Corp. dba El Patio Mexicano Restaurant- 3764 Broadway (corner of W 156th Street)	35-2-1-0	Passed
7	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Ceci Restaurant Inc. – 78 Sherman Ave. (btw Thayer and Dyckman Sts)	36-2-0-0	Passed
8	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Tannat Wine & Cheese LLC - 4736 Broadway (at the corner of Thayer St.)	36-1-1-0	Passed
9	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: GC Restaurant Corp dba Garden Café – 4961 Broadway (btw Isham and W 207th Sts)	35-1-1-0	Passed

10	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: La Cabaña Salvadoreña Restaurant- 4384 Broadway (corner of W 187th St.)	36-1-1-0	Passed
11	Resolution of No Objection to the DCA Renewal of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: 4946 Broadway Restaurant LLC dba Tubby Hook Tavern – 4946 Broadway (corner of W 207th Street)	33-6-0-1	Passed
12	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Alteration of its License to: Terravita Corp. – 4193 Broadway (btw W 177th & W 178th Street) Addition of Space - Withdrawn at meeting	N/A	N/A
13	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Alteration of its License to: El Jobito Seafood Restaurant Corp.- 1579 Saint Nicholas Avenue corner of W189th St.) Addition of Space Next Door	35-2-1-0	Passed
14	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA for a Change in the Method of Operation its License to: El Jefe Eatery Group, Inc. dba El Jefe – 186 Dyckman Street (btw Sherman Avenue and Broadway) To add DJ and Recorded Music - Withdrawn prior to meeting	N/A	N/A
15	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA for a Change in the Method of Operation its License to: 160 Dyckman Rest. Corp. dba Republica – 160 Dyckman Street (at the corner of Dyckman Street) To add Change Daily Closing Hours to 4am	34-3-1-0	Passed
16	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premise Liquor License to: Power 202 LLC dba Zona Rosa – 3775 10th Ave. (at the corner of W 203rd St.)	31-6-1-0	Passed
17	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premise Liquor License to: IG Restaurant Group Inc. dba 11:11 Restaurant & Lounge - 3964 10th Avenue (btw W 211th & W 212th Streets)	31-6-1-0	Passed
18	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premise Liquor License to: Emma Bar & Grill Corp. dba Emma's Place – 3805 10th Avenue (at the corner of W 204th Street) Withdrawn at General Meeting	N/A	N/A
19	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA new On-Premise Liquor License to: Blue Corn Restaurant Corp. – 1969 Amsterdam Ave (btw W.157 & W. 158 Sts.)	31-6-1-0	Passed
20	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premise Liquor License to: Made in Mexico Uptown Corp. – 3950 10th Avenue (corner of 211th Street)	32-5-1-0	Passed
21	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premise Liquor License to: Inwood Hospitality Partners, LLC dba Hudson Crab & Cue – 348 Dyckman St (Dyckman Marina)	31-6-1-0	Passed
22	Resolution of Objection to the SLA New On-Premise Liquor License to: Mexican Bistro Corp. – 3803 10th Ave. (btw. W. 203rd & W. 204th Sts.) CHANGED at Meeting from “No Objection” to “Objection”	34-2-2-0	Passed
23	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premise Liquor License to: Angelina Latin Fusion Corp. - 808 West 187th St. (btw. Pinehurst & Fort Washington Aves.)	32-5-1-0	Passed
24	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premise Liquor License to: WE=ESK Inc. dba Fireball – 3920 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 164th St)	32-5-1-0	Passed

25	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: El Azteca y El Guanaco Restaurant Corp. -4195 Broadway (at corner of W 178th St) Withdrawn at meeting	N/A	N/A
26	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: 207 Tulcingo Azteca Restaurant Corp. – 3861 10th Ave (btw W 206th & W 207th Streets) Withdrawn at meeting	N/A	N/A
27	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: 7 Henshaw Inc. dba Cloisters Grill - 7 Henshaw Street (btw Riverside Drive & Dyckman Street)	36-1-1-0	Passed
28	Resolution of Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: La Catrina Restaurant Mexican Deli Corp. – 2083 Amsterdam Avenue (corner of W 163rd St.) CHANGED at Meeting from “No Objection” to” Objection”	37-1-0-0	Passed
29	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: GFE Dyckman Street LLC dba Taco Bell Cantina - 175 Dyckman St. (btw Vermilyea & Sherman Aves) Withdrew prior to meeting	N/A	N/A
30	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: Healthy Bites Deli Corp. – 4226 Broadway (at the corner of W 179th Street)	35-1-1-0	Passed
31	Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: KOKO Seafood Salad Grill , Inc. – 92 Nagle Avenue (at the corner of Sickles Street) Withdrawn at meeting.	N/A	N/A

Committee Reports: - refer to minutes unless otherwise noted

Parks and Cultural Affairs - Refer to minutes

Business Development: Chair Eleazar Bueno reported: Refer to minutes

Land Use: Wayne Benjamin, reported: Refer to minutes

Traffic & Transportation: Filling in for the Chair – Omar Tejada: Refer to minutes for updates

Housing & Human Services: Barbara Frazier Chair, reported: Refer to minutes

Public Safety: Curtis Young, Chair, reported: Refer to minutes

Health & Environment: Steve Simon, Chair, reported: Refer to minutes

Concerns of the Aging: Mary Anderson, Chair, reported: Refer to minutes

Youth and Education: Curtis Young, Chair, reported: Refer to the minutes

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann, Assistant Secretary, Acting Secretary
Nobles Crawford, Reporting Associate
November 26, 2019