

**Community Board 12, Manhattan
General Meeting - April 25, 2017**

**Myrna L. Daniels Auditorium
Milstein Heart Center
173 Fort Washington Avenue
New York, New York 10032**

Board Members Present: Shahabuddeen Ally; Richard Allman; Yahaira Alonzo; Mary Anderson; Glennis Aquino; Wayne Benjamin; James Berlin; Jennifer Chung; Daryl Cochrane; Jason Compton; Gerard Dengel; Katherine Diaz; Natalie Espino; Domingo Estevez; Fe Florimon; Barbara Frazier; Mitchell Glenn; Joseph Kalinsky; Osi Kaminer; Andrea Kornbluth; Elizabeth Lehmann; Richard R. Lewis; Maria Luna; Jay Mazur; Isidro Medina; Rud Morales; Deborah Nabavian; Pamela Palanque –North; Jonathan Reyes; Liliana Saneaux

Board Members Absent: Anita Barberis; Robin Cruz; Wanda Garcia; Fern Hertzberg; Estevan Nembhard; Ayisha Ogilvie; Angela Sanchez; Steve Simon; Carlos Suero; Luis Tapia; Karen Taylor; Javier Trejo

Board Members Excused: Isaiah Obie Bing; Elizabeth Lorries Ritter

Staff: Ebenezer Smith; Paola Garcia

Call To Order: *First Vice Chair, Richard Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. There is no quorum at this time.*

Richard Lewis announced the following:

- Chair Ally has been delayed and will be arriving shortly.
- The Rent Guidelines Board will decide tonight on preliminary guidelines for rent increases.
- The landlords are requesting a 4% increase on a 1 year lease and 8% on a 2 year lease. The tenants are requesting a continuation of the rent freeze and a roll-back on current rents.
- On April 27, there will be an Impact Forum for Homeless Students. There are 33,000 students living in homeless shelters. This meeting will take place at the Armory from 6:00 pm to 7:00pm.
- President Trump's budget has come out and cuts are being negotiated. There is a cut of 8.4 billion from the Federal Government for Section 8 housing.
- The NYS budget has been approved and includes \$2.5 billion for housing.

District Manager's Report:

- There were (2 finalists for the position of Community Board Assistants selected from the 10 who were interviewed by The District Manager's office. One was offered the position but declined because she had accepted another position. The selection process will continue.
- A complaint has been filed with DOT regarding the enclosure that has been constructed at the on 159th Street between Broadway and Fort Washington. It appears that property owners put it there due to a damaged sidewalk. it will be removed.
- There have been several complaints about the music and noise that has arisen in the Plaza de los Americas. Inspector Arambales of the 33rd Precinct has indicated that permits are required and that this regulation will be enforced. In the meantime, CB 12 will review its guidelines for granting permits.

Borough President's Report: *Lesley Almanzar, Northern Manhattan Office Liaison*, Manhattan Borough President's Office reported:

- The CB 1 application interviews are over and letters will be sent to those who have been appointed or re-appointed. There were 1,026 applicants borough-wide and more than 900 applicants were interviewed.
- The Borough President attended an Immigration March this past weekend. In addition the MBPO's office has held an immigration education workshop this past Monday and plans to hold more in the near future. This effort is being coordinated with the Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation and the Northern Manhattan Coalition on Immigration Rights.
- A Veteran's Specialist will be at the Northern Manhattan office 2 days a week to handle veteran's issues. The office is at 431 West 125th Street.
- The Borough President's office will be touring the new GW Bus Terminal this coming Friday.
- There will be a bodega and business owner's workshop on the recent noise abatement law.
- The Northern Manhattan office will be hosting diabetes screenings. Fliers will be available.
- The Borough President testified recently on Intro 1028 about Sex Education Task Force in public schools
- The Borough President has met with HPD regarding the Inwood Library plans. An RFP will be issued.
- There will be two workshops: "How to handle a Summons" and "Wills and Lawyers – Who need them?"

Congressman Adriano Espaillat's Office - Laurie Tobias Cohen, Community Liaison, reported the following:

- The Congressman has proposed legislation on body cameras.
- The Congressman is working on immigration matters – especially for those who come from Muslim populated countries.
- The Congressman's office is working with NYCHA representatives to advocate for them with NYC agencies.

Quorum as reached at 7:20 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Agenda. - (G. Dengel & J. Reyes)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes. - (I. Medina & M. Luna)

Assemblyman Farrell's Office, - Frank Hess, Special Assistant reported the following:

- Please refer to the written report
- Education funding is being restored
- Residents must be 18 in order to be considered an adult when arrested
- Please see page 3 of the report which outlines conditions for securing free tuition at NYS colleges

Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office – Mariel de la Cruz, Community Liaison, reported the following:

- There is a Neighborhood Economic Report that is available for each neighborhood.
- She is responsible for the Comptroller's schedule and can be reached at mdelacr@comptroller.nyc.gov.

Councilman Mark Levine's office- Manuel Belliard, Community Liaison reported the following:

- There will be a Tenant Forum on Thursday, April 27th at the Fortune Society 625 West 140th Street, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. NMIC and HPD will be there. Fliers are available.

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**Public Session:**

***Joel Yoffie***, Community Resident, delivered a poem "Say No... Then Say No Again"

**Ting Barrow**, Community Resident, spoke about the **New York Health Act Resolution** and indicated its importance as a means of obtaining health care for all New Yorkers. He encouraged passage of Resolution B.

**Dimitri Daniel Glinski, PhD.** (and colleagues) spoke about a NYS Resolution about Russian- American History month in which freedom of religion is not mentioned. He objects to this omission.

**Ubaldo Hessia**, spoke in opposition to the “Objection” initially placed against Anchor Heights Restaurant – Resolution #12.

**Sally Fisher, Friends of Inwood Hill Park** spoke about the litter sweeps in Inwood Hill Park and acknowledged the NYC Parks Department and others who made the clean-up so successful. She also announced that the **Washington Heights & Inwood Food Council** is looking for students to participate in their efforts.

**Mary Anderson, Peoples’ Theater Project**, announced that they are holding their next play “Storm the Palace” at Alianza Dominicana on My 18, 19, 20<sup>th</sup> and at the United Palace on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mike Fitelson, Executive Director, United Palace Cultural Arts**, spoke about the new landmark status of the building. He also spoke about upcoming programs such as the Lobby Series which will have fee performances by local artists and local orchestras. In addition, there will be movies such as “The Sound of Music” as well as the construction of two new dance studios.

**Alan Sash, Broadway Bridge & Car Wash**, spoke about his opposition to the proposed changes in the traffic redirection proposed for 219<sup>th</sup> & 220<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Kassandre Innocente, Fort Washington Public Library**, spoke about (3) upcoming events: May 1 – Workshop on Voters Rights: May 5, Identity Theft Workshop – May 6<sup>th</sup> - Debt free in 2017 - workshop

**Danita Nichols: Inwood Public Library** announced that a Citizen’s Information Session on getting free legal help and another workshop on Identity Theft. See the flier. May 8th – IS 52 = date for next meeting for the community on the Inwood Library plans.

**Phil Simpson, State of Inwood Library Campaign**, spoke about the lack of analysis and options concerning the construction of a new Inwood Library. No survey, no environmental review, no gap analysis.

**Jennifer, Bristol, Moving Forward Unidos**, spoke about the licensing process and in support of Resolution # 9 and #19.

**Ariel Ferreira, Representative of Sherman Creek Restaurant & Lounge, (Resolution #19)** indicated that there will be 70 direct jobs and many indirect jobs. He wants to objects to the recommendation of the committee to object to their proposal. He will also be the Director of Operations.

**End of Public Session**



**Resumption of Political Representatives Presentation:**

***Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez Office – Kiana Diaz, Constituent Liaison, spoke about the following:***

- Saturday, April 22 was Earth Day – Care Free Day and the City closed 4 partial streets in the boroughs.
- There were more than 3000 people who voted in the Participatory Budgeting Vote exercise and the winners are: \$200k for CUNY; \$125k for PS 178; \$280k for Street cleaning; \$300k for air-conditioning for PS 128 and Castle Bridge.

***Manhattan DA’s Office, Jennifer Araujo, Constituent Liaison, announced that***

- The office has an immigration/fraud unit. Fliers are available.
- They are hoisting A Clean Slate warrant Amnesty Day – on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 3 pm at Bethel Gospel Church, 2 East 120<sup>th</sup> Street Fliers are in the back.
- She announced she is leaving to move to California.

***Assemblywoman De La Rosa’s Office, Orlando Ovalles, Chief of Staff, announced that***

- The New York State budget has been passed. He referenced the Report for details.
- A training program for medical professionals is also referenced in the Report.
- Guidelines for the new education program are also in the Report.

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**Committee Reports:** CB 12 Shah Ally presided over the Committee Reports:

***Executive Committee – Chair, Shah Ally*** presented the status of the recruitment of the Community Board Assistant position and the fact that the selected candidate chose another position. The Executive Committee will resume efforts. Therefore Resolution A is tabled.

***Health & Environment Committee – Mitch Glenn, Assistant Chair*** presented a Resolution regarding the New York Health Act (Resolution B). It is a proposal for a single payer system for all New York State residents. There were substantial questions about the practicality and viability of this proposal.

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

- 10 out of 20 applications were rejected.
- 3 new Applicants were for On Premise Liquor Licenses
- # 12 and # 13 – (Anchor Heights Wine Bar ) – He proposed a change from “objects” to “does not object” due to a meeting that took place after the committee met in which the owner agreed to reduce the number of outside tables and to relocate the outside tables and chairs to Vermilyea Avenue which is less congested.
- Motion to discuss a potential change to #12 and # 13. by: Richard Lewis: seconded by Richard Allman...
- Motion to amend the recommendation on #12 and #13 from “Objects” to “Does Not Object” – Unanimous voice vote.

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

Refer to the minutes

- The matter of the redirection of traffic on 219th and 220th Street will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.
- The DOT is still collecting data with respect to the proposed Select Bus Service of the BX 6.
- The next meeting will take place at Allen Hospital due to the proposed agenda items.

**Osi Kaminer, Asst. Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs,** reported

- April 4<sup>th</sup> there was a detailed meeting with HPD and NYPL. See the minutes of the Land Use Committee for details. The Parks & Cultural Affairs minutes will be available shortly.
- The next committee meeting will be a joint committee meeting with Public Safety and will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- In the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the NY Parks Department will provide a presentation on the status of changes in the Northern Manhattan Parks.

**Land Use Committee, Wayne Benjamin, Chair** presented the following:

- He referred to the Minutes for details.
- There are new staff members at the New York City Department of City Planning who came to the meeting.
- He referenced the presentation by HPD about the new Inwood Library and suggested that everyone review the minutes of the February, March & April committee.

**Health & Environment, Mitch Glenn, Asst. Chair:** Refer to the Minutes

**Committee for the Concerns of the Aging, Liliana Saneaux, Chair:** Refer to the Minutes Youth and Education, Fe Florimon, Chair, reported:

- She thanked the Inwood Academy about a recent report about the school.
- There will be a Homeless Student Crisis Forum this coming Thursday at the Armory beginning at 6:00pm. The NYC Dept. of Housing will be there.
- A "Know Your Rights" Forum will held at GW HS on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- On My 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be the second Youth and Police event. This will include a march and Community Resources Fair.
- She referred everyone to the Minutes.

**Business Development, Jonathan Reyes, Chair,**

- Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - there will be a forum on "Improving Your Credit. See the flier.
- He referred to the Minutes.

**Announcements by Shah Ally:**

- The May meeting will take place at the Campbell Sports Center
- The MBPO's office is still in the process of notifying applicants for appointment or re-appointment to the Board.
- The GW Bus Terminal is supposed to open on May 1.
- There is still a need for a Chair to the Public Safety Committee. Please send an e-mail to the Board office if you are interested.

**Voting on the Resolutions:**

| Item # | Resolutions                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Voting:<br>Y-N-Abst-<br>NV | Passed or<br>Failed |
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| A.     | Resolution concerning the position of Community Board Assistant                                                                                                                                                 | N/A                        | <i>withdrawn</i>    |
| B.     | Resolution <i>in support</i> of the <b>New York Health Act</b> .                                                                                                                                                | 24-2-4-0                   | <i>passed</i>       |
| 1.     | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: <b>Floridita Restaurant</b> Uptown 2 Inc. – 3856 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 206th Street.)                     | 28-3-0-0                   | <i>passed</i>       |
| 2.     | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: The Locksmith Wine Bar Inc. dba <b>The Locksmith Wine Bar</b> – 4463 Broadway, (bet. Fairview Ave & W. 192nd Street.) | 30-1-0-0                   | <i>passed</i>       |
| 3.     | Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: <b>7 Tacos Mexican Cuisine Corp.</b> – 101 Sherman Avenue, Store #3, (at the corner of Dyckman Street.)                  | 31-0-0-0                   | <i>passed</i>       |
| 4.     | Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: International Food House Inc. dba <b>Albert’s Mofongo</b> – 217 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Broadway.)             | 28-3-0-0                   | <i>passed</i>       |
| 5.     | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Coffeed Corporation dba <b>New Leaf</b> – 1 Margaret Corbin Drive, (Ft. Tryon Park.)                                  | 30-1-0-0                   | <i>passed</i>       |
| 6.     | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: <b>L Fonda Inc.</b> – 2023 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 160th & W. 161st Streets.)                                        | 30-1-0-0                   | <i>passed</i>       |

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| 7.  | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Class Change of its License to: <b>Humberto's Rice &amp; Beans LLC.</b> – 1318 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of W. 176th Street.) Changing class from Restaurant Wine to On-Premises Liquor                                               | 29-2-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |
| 8.  | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Class Change of its License to: <b>Tropical Spanish Food Corp.</b> – 3771 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 157th Street.) Changing class from Eating Place Beer to Restaurant Wine                                                                | 31-0-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |
| 9.  | Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the SLA Corporate Change of its License to: Vida Enterprises Inc. dba <b>Pat' E Palo</b> – 251-253 Dyckman Street, (bet. Seaman & Payson Avenues.) Corporate Change Transfer of ownership                                                                  | 28-3-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |
| 10. | Resolution <b>of No Objection</b> to the SLA Corporate Change of its License to: <b>El Mambi Restaurant Corp.</b> - 4181 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 177th Street.) Corporate Change Transfer of ownership                                                                                | 30-1-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |
| 11. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the NYC TLC renewal of its Livery Base License to: <b>Power Luxury Radio Dispatch</b> Inc. – 2025 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 160th & W. 161st Streets.                                                                                                  | 31-0-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |
| 12. | <b>AS AMENDED:</b><br>Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA for an Alteration of its License to: Anchor Heights LLC. dba <b>Anchor Heights Wine Bar</b> – 575 W. 207th Street, (at the corner of Vermilyea Avenue.) To include On-Premises Liquor License to Unenclosed Sidewalk Café | 30-1-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |
| 13. | <b>AS AMENDED:</b><br>Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the NYC DCA of its New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: Anchor Heights LLC. dba <b>Anchor Heights Wine Bar</b> – 575 W. 207th Street, (at the corner of Vermilyea Avenue.                                                     | 30-1-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |
| 14. | Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the NYC DCA of its New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: <b>Rue La Rue Inc.</b> – 4396 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 188th Street.)                                                                                                                 | 26-5-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |
| 15. | Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the NYC DCA of its New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: Hudson Heights Bar & Grill Corp. dba <b>Bar 180</b> – 701 W.180th Street, (at the corner of Broadway.)                                                                                         | 31-0-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |
| 16. | Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the NYC DCA Renewal of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to:WFRB, Inc. dba <b>Nebula</b> – 141 Nagle Avenue, (bet. Arden & Thayer Streets.)                                                                                                             | 31-0-0-0 | <b>passed</b> |

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| 17. | Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: El Conde M&G Inc. dba <b>El Conde Nuevo Bar &amp; Restaurant Corp.</b> – 4139 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 175th Street.) | 31-0-0-0 | <b>passed</b>    |
| 18. | <b>Owner withdrew the application</b> for a New On-Premises Liquor License to:<br>Power 202 LLC. dba <b>Power Mexican Grill</b> – 3775 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 202nd & W. 203rd Streets.)                  | N/A      | <b>withdrawn</b> |
| 19. | Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: <b>Sherman Creek Restaurant &amp; Lounge Corp.</b> – 3795 Tenth Avenue, (bet. W. 203rd & W. 204th Streets.)                 | 23-7-1-0 | <b>passed</b>    |
| 20. | Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the SLA New Beer & Cider License to: <b>Lupita Restaurant Corp.</b> – 3823 Broadway, (bet. W. 159th & W. 160th Streets.)                                               | 31-0-0-0 | <b>passed</b>    |

***Motion to Adjourn- Made and Seconded at 9:20 pm.***

**Respectfully submitted:** Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann  
Assistant Secretary  
May 23, 2017