

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

**October 17, 2019**  
**Executive Committee**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members Present:** R. Lewis (Chair); E. Bueno (1st Vice Chair & Chair, Business Development); I. Medina (2nd Vice Chair & Chair, Licensing); G. Dengel, Treasurer; B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary) M. Anderson (Chair, Aging Committee); Fe Florimon (Chair, Youth & Education); E. Lorris Ritter (Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs); Nick Martinez (Interim Chair, Traffic & Transportation); James Berlin (Parliamentarian)

**Absent:** B. Frazier (Acting Chair, Housing & Human Services) – excused. S. Simon (Chair, (Health & Environment); Curtis Young (Public Safety); Richard Lewis (LGBTQ Task Force).

**Other Board Members Present:** R. Moral

**Staff:** Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

**Meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by Chair, Richard Lewis:**

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

- He attended a Manhattan Borough Presidents' meeting in which plowing, and curb cuts were discussed.
- He plans to attend a Criminal Justice Reform meeting at Hunter College on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- He testified at a ULURP meeting regarding the need to identify every vacant lot in NYC.
- The CB 12 budget meeting took place on October 15, 2019. 19 Board members attended in order to hear from community groups and to rank budget priorities.
- He thanked the Land Use and Licensing Committees for good attendance despite changed meeting dates.

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

- He indicated that a lot of time has been spent during the month on the budget reconciliation
- He attended the District Service Cabinet meeting in which the following was discussed:
  - The Broadway bridge project is being postponed although some cleanup will take place in such areas as the eastern sidewalk, etc. Fliers regarding their plans will be posted.
  - The problem on West 174<sup>th</sup> Street still exists even though there was a site visit in May and the fact that photos were taken long ago of the problem and what needs to be done.
- The 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct is proposing a one-way street at 190<sup>th</sup> Street and Corbin Circle in order to alleviate the traffic problems. Their proposal will be presented at the Traffic & Transportation meeting

**Secretary's Report:** There was no report currently.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gerard Dengel reported the following:

- He put together an Executive Summary that reports the Annual Budget for Personnel Services, Other than Personnel Services (OTPS) and Rental costs.

- He reported that the Crystal Reports for the past 3 months is available in the CB 12 offices.
- There was a discussion regarding the process by which the budget numbers will be transposed into the Crystal Report for the Executive Committee.
- He indicated that he will provide line item detail in the November Executive Committee meeting.

***Review of Draft Calendar changes:***

- ***November:***
  - The Aging Committee will meet on 11/7 at 10:30 am at Isabella.
  - The Youth & Education Committee will meet on November 12<sup>th</sup> instead of November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ***December:***
  - No changes in the existing calendar.

***Announcement:*** Richard Lewis announced that all committees are under review and that new committees may be formed.

***Executive Session:*** Ebenezer Smith requested a review of salary increase which prompted an Executive Session that began at 8:07 pm and ended at 8:34 pm.

**Committee Reports:**

***Health & Environment Committee:*** No report currently.

***Traffic & Transportation:*** Interim Chair, Nick Martinez reported:

Two Resolutions were reviewed and passed in Committee:

- Requested Improvements to the Shuttle Bus Service at 184<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance of the A Train at 181<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Reinstating eliminated BX 7 Bus Stops in Washington Heights and Inwood via the Bronx Bus Redesign.

Both Resolutions will be presented at the General Meeting.

***Land Use:*** No report currently.

***Housing & Human Services:*** No report currently.

***Licensing Committee:*** Chair Isidro Medina presented the following”

- 31 Licenses were under consideration.
- 6 Licenses were withdrawn for various reasons.13 new licenses were approved.
- 10 Renewal licenses were approved.
- Among the new licenses that were discussed and approved was “The Hudson”.

There was a discussion about an establishment owned by CB 12 Board member, Rud Morales.

A decision was made to table the matter until the November meeting.

***Parks & Cultural Affairs:*** Chair Liz Ritter presented the following:

- The Committee passed a Resolution rejecting the planned proposed Msgr. Kett Playground Comfort Station Renovation on the grounds that is failed to meet the Board’s requirement that it provides a gender-neutral family-friendly facility. The Resolution will be presented at the upcoming General Meeting.

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

- The Committee met at the Dyckman Senior Center the Fire Department Education Unit gave a presentation on fire safety, etc.

- The Aging Committee is working with the Youth & Education Committee to create a holiday show for the residents of the Isabella Nursing Home. The event will take place on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The Aging Committee of CB 12 hosted an information table at the Isabella Health Fair which took place on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. About 300 people attended the Fair.

**Business Development:** Chair, Eleazar Bueno presented the following:

- The Committee met at the Committee League of the Heights (CLOTH). They discussed the need for better marketing for small businesses in the community. The small business vacancy rate in the community is nearly 20%.
- A Small Business (SBS) study shows that \$700 million of community dollars are spent outside of the community.
- There was also a discussion on street vendors.

Public Safety: No committee report currently. Richard Lewis reported that the Michael Busek memorial will take place at St. Elizabeth's on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth and Education:** Fe Florimon reported the following:

- See reference above to the Aging Committee report regarding the joint event on on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LGBTQ Task Force:** No report currently.

**Motion to Adjourn:** By acclamation

**Adjournment: 9:08 pm**

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