

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

June 19, 2017
Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present: S. Ally (Chair); R. Lewis (1st Vice Chair) B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); E. Lorris Ritter (Secretary & Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); Osi Kaminer, (Asst. Chair Parks & Cultural Affairs); Isidro Medina (Chair, Licensing); R. Allman, (Chair, LGBT and By-Laws Task Forces); Ayisha Ogilvie (Chair, Housing & Human Services); J. Berlin (Parliamentarian)

Absent: Y Alonzo, (Chair, and Traffic & Transportation); Fe Florimon, (Chair, Youth & Education); J. Ryes (Treasurer & Chair, Business Development); L. Saneaux (Chair, Committee for the Concerns of the Aging); S. Simon (Chair, (Health & Environment)

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Others in Attendance: Elizabeth Abraham (Brain Injury of America), Karla Fisk, Gwendolyn R Chambrun

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by Chairman Ally. There was no quorum at the start of the meeting.

Chair's Report: Chair Ally reported the following:

- There are nine (9) new members of Community Board 12 –including one who is age 16.
- Then next General Meeting is June 27th.
- Chair Ally will attend an Iktar Event on June 18th and will make Opening Remarks.
- Ely Silvestre began work today at CB 12.
- July and August will provide a recess for all committees except for the Land Use Committee which must meet to address the ULURP issue which requires a response from CB 12 by August 5 to comply with the 60-day limit for response. (Ayisha Ogilvie suggested that CB 12 pass a Resolution precluding this type of timing in the future.) The Land Use Committee will meet either July 1, 12th or 13th.
- There will be a July 19th Executive Committee meeting if needed.
- The George Washington Bridge Terminal has opened – but the sidewalk and walls require Cleaning. CB 12 will request this from the PA.
- There will be a Reception for new CB 12 members after the June 27th General Meeting
- Chair Ally asked that any Committee Chairs planning to hold off-site meetings for their committees to notify Ebenezer Smith in advance.
- There was a review of the September calendar. Osi Kaminer requested that we add the 33rd and 34th Precinct Committee meetings to the calendar.
- Ayisha Ogilvie requested that there be a special meeting to review attendance procedures.

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

- Ely Silvestre began work today. He requested an extension of the initial probationary period from 60 to 90 days due to the summer and the fact that more time to evaluate is needed. By unanimous vote, the Executive Committee agreed to the 90 days.

- At the recent District Service Cabinet meeting, it was announced that there will be 4 weekends in July when the Broadway Bridge will be closed: July 15 & 16 July 22 & 23, July 29 & 30 and August 5 & 6.
- Richard Allman suggested that CB 12 recommend that there be traffic agents at the University Bridge on the weekends when the Broadway Bridge is closed.

Chairman Ally announced that he had to leave the meeting at 7:45 pm. First Vice Chair Richard Lewis presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Resolution General Discussion: The subject of a resolution concerning the barring of a ULURP application over the summer was discussed. It was resolved that Ayisha Ogilvie would bring it up as a Resolution at the June 27th General Meeting.

Richard Lewis announced that he attended a **Forum on Poverty** at the Furman Center for Urban Policy and Real Estate of NYU and obtained a report on poverty in NYC and its impact on education, health and other areas. A copy of the report is available in the office for all to read.

Richard Lewis also announced a Smart Truck Management Workshop which will consider night vs. day deliveries. This workshop will take place at NYP on June 21. Fliers will be posted and mailed.

Committee Reports:

Health and Environment Committee: Chairman Simon was absent, but Richard Lewis reported that a Resolution had been approved at the Committee level in support of a commendation for the recent environmental activity by the Uptown Community Church. It will be presented to the full Board in the June meeting.

Traffic & Transportation Committee: Chair Yahaira Alonzo was absent but Richard Lewis reported that there were (2) plans discussed. (Dyckman Corridor Plan – Part 2 and the Broadway 157th to 168th Street Plan).

Licensing Committee: Chair Isidro Medina reported the following:

- The committee met this past Wednesday. There were 24 applications.
- Fat Pig on Dyckman requested an extension to operate in the backyard. The application was denied.
- Three (3) new unenclosed sidewalk licenses were approved with stipulations.
- He suggested that all applicants before the committee use the “Good Neighbor” signage.
- (6) Applications were withdrawn due to incomplete applications by the business owners.
- Isidro indicated that he walked around the community and observed that only 4 of 9 establishments were using the correct signage.
- Isidro attended a meeting with Gale Brewer regarding the new nuisance abatement laws and suggested that there be a training for everyone about the changes in the nuisance abatement laws.
- Richard Lewis suggested that the local precincts should present to CB 12 copies of the summonses they serve on local establishments.

Parks & Cultural Affairs – Asst. Chair, Osi Kaminer reported the following:

- There were (2) presentations about planned renovations for community parks –Key Adventures Park and the Sunken Park. This is part of the \$30 million allocation. There will be Resolutions in support of these renovations at the upcoming meeting.

Business Development Committee – no report at this time

Public Safety: Richard Lewis reported the following:

- At the last meeting the subject of broken light fixtures in Fort Washington Park was discussed. He also mentioned that the Call Boxes were not lit between 155th and 178th Streets and suggested that id tags be affixed to each Call Box.
- All of the meetings of NCO the 33 and 34th Precincts have taken place and the NCO officers now have iPads which should help to expedite matters.

Committee for the Concerns of the Aging – No report at this time.

Youth & Education Committee – No report at this time.

Housing and Human Services Committee – Chair Ayisha Ogilvie reported the following:

- Walter South, who is on CB 9 and who created low income housing plan, attended the last meeting. The Committee asked him to create a model for us based on his own experience.
- He suggested that all rents for tenants be no more than 30% of each family's income.
- Brackets for affordable housing for the buildings should be 40, 30, and 30 – based on area AMI.
- Ayisha is preparing a report of his recommendations.
- Questions arose as to the similarities to the Mitchell-Lama program.
- Ayisha also spoke about the availability of empty lots in the community, affordable housing for seniors and the affordable housing lottery. These matters will be further discussed in conjunction with the Committee for Concerns of the Aging.

Land Use Committee – Chair Wayne Benjamin reported the following:

- The ULURP Resolution for the Seaman Avenue rezoning will be considered at the Committee for the Whole meeting on July 18th, if there is a quorum of the Board, a vote will be taken and the results forwarded. If no quorum, the Executive Committee will consider the Resolution in a special meeting on July 19th. The application was certified June 5th – and there is a 60 day limit on community response. There will be a Public Forum on this matter held in advance – probably on July 13th. Any vote by Committee of the Whole needs to be ratified by the full Board in September.
- The Charrette went well. There was a review of the planning study, a discussion of what constitutes affordability and an analysis of where the vacant lots are located. Each group reported on their respective priorities as well as a healthy exchange of ideas among the groups.
- EDC is expected to present their draft proposal at the July 18th meeting. It is supposed that this new proposal will incorporate the community's input.

New Business – No new business.

Motion to Adjourn – made by James Berlin, seconded by Ayisha Ogilvie

Adjournment – 8:55 pm – No quorum as the close of the meeting. /

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann
Assistant Secretary
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