

**Community Board 12, Manhattan General Meeting**  
**September 22, 2020 / Online via Zoom**

**Board Members Present:** Marielle Ali, Richard Allman, Mary Anderson, Glennis Aquino, Wayne Benjamin, Jim Berlin, Tanya Bonner, Eleazar Bueno, Daryl Cochrane, Nobles Crawford, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Katherine Diaz, Naysha Diaz, Domingo Estevez, Gabriela Estrella, Ashley Fernandez, Sally Fisher, Fe Florimón, Barbara Frazier, Mariela Graham, Danielle Jettoo, Leopoldo Jimenez, Yosef Kaminsky, Osi Kaminer, Betty Lehmann, Francisco Lopez, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Maria Luna, Cindy Matos, Isidro Medina, Debby Nabavian, Jonathan Nunez Frometa, Ayisha Oglivie, Rosy Perez, Paradise Phoenix, Christina Richiez, Bruce Robertson, Edda Santiago, Steve Simon, Omar Tejada, Angel Vasquez, Chris Ventura, Curtis Young.

**Board members Excused:** Ariel Miranda

**Board members Absent:** Francisco Alvarez, Waldys Cruz, Juan Guzman, Mariam James, Cindy Matos, Jay Mazur, Christopher Vantura

**Staff Present:** Ebenezer Smith; Paola Garcia.

**Elected Officials Present:** Natalie Espino (MBPO), Phillip Ellison (Public Advocate Office Rep), Mariel De La Cruz (NYC Comptroller Office), Chris Nickell (NYS senator RJ Office), Laurie Tabias-Cohn (US Congressman Adriano Espaillat Office), Orlando Ovalles (AM Carmen De La Rosa Office), Kiana Diaz (CM Rodriguez Office), CM Mark Levine, Matthew D. Levy (NYS Senator RJ Office)

**Public Present:** Cynthia Carrion, 1646\*\*\*\*377, 1718\*\*\*\*477, Allan Goldberg, Arianna Christopher, Danita Nichols, Danni Luo, Dlupo, Dr Gary Altheim, Eslaynet, Gabriela Bisono, Jennifer Bristol, Joyce Holland, Julio Batista, K. Innocent, Kym Kymani, Manuel Belliard, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Tara W, Wade Trefethen, Youth & Prevention House Works, Zadie Adam, Johanna Garcia, Wendy Olivo, Tample Kemezis, Edit Bolton.

6:35pm **Call to Order:** The Zoom began at 6:35pm; the meeting was called to order with quorum.

6:36pm **Agenda & Minutes:** L. Ritter move to adopt the September General Meeting (GM) agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Cochran. All in favor, the Agenda was adopted.

L. Ritter move to adopt the June GM Minutes as submitted, M. Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. The July Meeting of the Whole Minutes was not distributed and will be presented at the October GM for a vote.

L. Ritter move to adopt the May GM Minutes as submitted, M. Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

6:42pm **Chair's Report, Eleazar Bueno:**

- Two initiatives will take place by Community Board 12 Manhattan (CB12M) this fall;
  - In partnership with Washington Heights Business Improvement Development (WH BID) I. Medina hired a company that specialized in graffiti removal for areas that are filed with graffiti. CB12M is in a process of getting funds from City Council for this initiative
  - The second initiative is to motivate and allow new board members to take more involved roles and to present issues by members of the committee
- A previous board member sent an email to some CB members about allegations against the Chair. Per the Chair, if the person that make the entire allegation have proof he would like to hear them.

CB12 members Q&A:

- L. Ritter state that agenda item # 15 related to the person that sent the email is a negative resolution vote by the Licensing Committee
- W. Benjamin asked to elaborate on the geographic area whom graffiti in question is going to be addressed. It will be 157<sup>th</sup> street all the way to 218<sup>th</sup> street along the park
- S. Fisher asked about the status of the Inwood Task Force: The Chair is in conversation of the MBPO about selecting members for this taskforce and will share information when it becomes available
- T. Bonner received the email about the allegation and state that she would like to get clarification about it. Especially the parts that prevent black people from getting elected to certain position that is discrimination and this part need to be investigated. The Chair state

- that the person that these are serious allegation and that the person that sent the email should be approached and prove the stated allegation
- A. Oglivie said that the Board drop the ball about the outstanding resolutions in regards to a retreat to address discrimination on CB12
  - I. Medina agree with Tanya comment and ask for a complete investigation and bring the District Attorney office to investigate the allegation state in the email and hold this individual accountable

**6:58pm District Manager's Report, Ebenezer Smith:**

- Thank L. Ritter for the good job as the secretary. You always did a great job and I hope the secretary will do a good job or better
- DM tried to address the numerous noise complaints to no avail
- University Heights Bridge is under repair and will be re-painted. The contractor is looking to communicate with small businesses owners on Manhattan side of the bridge in regards to the work on the bridge and give notification about the schedule
- The NYC Department of Homeless Services is planning to open a homeless shelter for mentally disabled men on 10<sup>th</sup> avenue and 213<sup>th</sup> street. They plan to construct a building for that purposes. More information will be available in the coming months
- Tablets are available for board members that do not have electronic devises for the purpose of joining CB meetings
- The Statement of District Need for the year 2022 is due on October 31<sup>st</sup> and the Public Consultation meeting will happen on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Citi Bike: many complaints about the bikes especially in area that took parking spots away. We will consider asking DOT to reconsider some of the City Bike locations
- The calendar will be updated by the end of the week
- The new CB12 website is up and running please let the DM know if you have any corrections or recommendations

CB12 members Q&A:

- D. Jettoo: there is a lot of traffic on 207<sup>th</sup> bridge going east and it maybe best to allow cars turn on red after stop for entering 87 south. DM answer: this traffic pattern created numerous accidents and was eliminated
- F. Lopez: how many shelters the WH and Inwood already have? Why are we a designated community for shelters? DM answer: this issue will be brought to the CB12 for discussion
- W. Benjamin: discussions about shelters always get to CB12 too late, weather it should be a shelter or transitional housing, who are the service providers what is their reputation, how well do they serve the clientele and other important questions that need to be addressed in detail up front so that the intent is clear; are we warehousing people or the intent is to provide transitional setting and services that suppose to be therapeutic
- D. Nabavian: the process of selecting Citi Bike stations does involve the public, T&T Committee and CB12. The Committee has weigh on this and we need to be a little more careful about what we tell DOT that is not a conflict of what CB12 passed
- O. Kaminer: ask about update about the FB pages. DM stated that he did not receive the information from A. Ogilvie and will work to integrate the pages once he has it
- S. Fisher: the discussion about the FB is three months old at least and the public think that the older FB page is where things are posted so when information is not appears on that page they think that CB12 is not providing it. Some of the meetings recorded on WebEx is not making it to YouTube website and these communication issues need to be addressed. Chair asked Sally to send the office the problem about the YouTube
- L. Ritter: in regards to the Statement if District Needs, please send to each of the Committee Chairs last year's District Needs and this years instructions because the format changed overtime. In terms of the conversation about shelters I hope that no one compare us to the UWS racist NIMBY issues

- A. Ogilvie: in a previous meeting a few months back Ogilvie brought up the new FB page issue that was created without any consultation with the creator of the old page. O. Kaminer is uploading information and we had a discussion about using the old page specifically because the board decided that the old page should be used not a new one. In regards to the proposed shelter, contractors for the Department of Homeless Services buy building for this purposes and at that point it is sometimes too late to amend services and shelters' location. In regards to Citi Bike, we vote not to have a dock on 169 street outside the Plaza but they station end up there anyway
- W. Benjamin the website need to be set the NYC Charter rules and need to comply with what the Board of Conflict of Interest say we should do
- L. Ritter: sent out the May Minutes and we maybe able to cote in them later or next month. Will there be special election for Assistant Secretary

#### 7:26pm **Public Session:**

*The Chair & 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair clarified that speakers have two minutes, and the Chair will keep time. Please use the raise hand to speak and you will be mute speak, if you get disconnected, we will go back to you at the end of the public session;*

**Cynthia Carrion:** represent School in the Square, new school Dos Amigos on 108 Cooper Street is now open. We have kindergarten in school four days a week Monday though Thursday starting with breakfast with optional drop off at 7:30. The kids are kept in small pods. The School was approved for outdoor learning permit Monday to Friday from 7am to 4pm, only using the street during lunchtime between 11am to 1pm. They also have a few spots for parents who are interested in dual language

**Dr Gary Altheim:** call was dropped

**Tample Kemezis:** (call was dropped, then, mic issues) L. Ritter is reading from the chat-box: Hallo community leaders and higher ground friends. It is with great excitement I get to share with you that we will be hosting a 2020 Higher ground Festival. This will be a virtual season of live performance that will be live stream from a rooftop terrace via Arts On Air. Each performance will be one HD premier collaboration presented by 5:30PM on a Saturday or a Wednesday starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Live stream will be over various social platforms. October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sara Laurel Dance, October 7<sup>th</sup> waiting and waiting spaces entangle, October 10<sup>th</sup> is ignition, October 13<sup>th</sup> you cannot carry more than you need, October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Sharon Pope-Marshall:** Director and outreach program at Bike NYC. Bike NY circle the streets since 1977 we happy to announce virtual cycling event call Spoketober we are inviting everyone to ride. S. Simon ask if Bike NY will run an event somewhere around 158<sup>th</sup> street and Ft Washington Park. The answer is yes. There will be bike ride safety classes. No specific date was assigned yet

**Joyce Holland:** Chief of Division of Community Emergency Response team. This month is preparedness month cert. We are the civilian group that helps the police and fire department and major activity of veteran in Inwood Washington Heights. We are always looking for new members. You can join by going to nycert online where you can take courses

#### **Committee reports (resolution items)**

7:40pm **Licensing Committee, Isidro Medina, Chair:** NYC Hospitality and Alliance report say that between June-August 80% of restaurants were unable to pay their rent and per The Insider, the speculation is that 90% of local independent restaurants may not be able to stay open past December. 18 licenses, 7 renewals, all passed, 1 corporate change, 1 class change, 3 withdrawals. 6 new applications of which 2 passed, 1 withdrawn, and 3 failed (# 14, 15, 17) due to issues. Application # 15 was rejected by the committee due to no-show.

CB12 members Q&A:

- S. Simon: #13 the committee approved DJ and live music, is it clear that this will only apply outdoors. This will not apply to the current outdoor area. I. Medina Answer: outdoor music is illegal. Applicants know that any music can only be played indoors.
- L. Ritter: applicant for #14 was at the meeting but the call was disconnected. Answer: the committee already voted on the application. J. Berlin suggests that since this was a technological glitch the committee had to entertain the applicant when they came back online. That is different then physical meeting when applicants leave the room and come back after their turn on the agenda
- O. Kaminer: the minutes is lacking a lot of information and the resolutions seems to be incomplete. Some with little to no information as to why the committee approved or reject them and for resolutions 14, 15, 18 the only paragraph is the name of the business, no whereas, no resolves. It looks like these resolutions are incomplete is that what was being sent to the SLA? Answer: I. Medina will take these as a friendly amendment to add substance to the resolutions going to the SLA
- Mariela Graham: There is a typo in application # 16, the hours of operation is 4PM to 2PM and it is not clear what the correct hours is. Also, related to what O. Kaminer said, are we suppose to make our decision based on this limited information that was presented to us or there is more information that we could have or should have before we vote. Answer: I. Medina there is no way to have substance to report if the merchants is not there to answer questions. And the hours of operation is 4PM to 2AM
- Gerard Dingle: this is the first time that an applicant wasn't available at the virtual meeting right when was called. Sometime people log in the go about their business and miss their time on the agenda. This is not to say that the applicant was or wasn't on the call but that will happen. People have to pay attention when they are called to present
- S. Simon: I feel bad that the applicant is punished while there is some question as to whether or not there was a technological issues at the meeting. If we are inviting them back next month, can we not vote on this application? Answer: I. Medina stated that she is already on the agenda for next month
- Christina Richiez asked to clarify what the board is voting for. J. Berlin explaining the purpose of tabling this motion.
- Angel Vasquez asked if the applicant can come back next month. Answer: J. Berlin explained that the applicant can come back but it maybe better not to reject them on technicality. L. Ritter add that we don't know if it changes anything or not, we don't know fi the SLA will look at a negative resolution followed by a (potential) positive resolution and will have more questions than answers.
- D. Estevez move to table the application. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Francisco Lopez, the motion passed 31-8-3-0

**8:15pm Aging Committee, Mary Anderson, Chair:** The priority line for senior and disabled was discussed, seniors have hard time standing on lines during the pandemic and risking their health waiting for services. The Committee produces a resolution addressing this issue.

CB12 members Q&A:

- K. Diaz congratulate the committee for producing their first resolution for a long time
- T. Bonner: ask if it maybe best to add special senior hours. Answer: M. Anderson said that specific hours will not help because different businesses have different hours depending on the service they provides
- W. Benjamin: how would senior get defined, by age only? Answer: M. Anderson said that it is depend
- B. Frazier: we should request that there be signage in stores indicating priority hours for seniors
- Ogilvie: some banks operate by appointment only but senior should be allow to get in any hour

- Marielle Ali: we should have a language that one does not have to be self identify or express the disability to get entry or services or be on the priority line
- D. Estevez: will work with M. Anderson to create signage for businesses
- D. Jettoo: it will be important to think of disability not just in terms of older people or seniors or disabled senior.

**8:30pm Traffic &Transportation, Debbie Nabavian, Chair:** Department of Transportation (DOT) came back to discuss the project on 158<sup>th</sup> street what was converted from a two way to one way street. Revel CEO was at the meeting and present changes to the riders' policy. The committee produced a resolution calling on DOT to take immediate stapes to address the dangerous conditions on the upper section of Amsterdam Ave. and 180's. At the beginning of September a letter from Yeshiva University and other small businesses in the area and MBPO sent to DOT asking to address dangerous conditions along this section of Amsterdam Ave. Numerous accidents have had happened. Next month, Daryl Cochran will present street co-naming next month.

CB12 members Q&A:

- Ogilvie: there are no resolutions on the agenda other than licensing resolution. Answer: D. Nabavian indicated that there is an updates agenda with the other resolutions that was sent out this afternoon
- E. Bueno: which avenue addressed by this resolution: Answer: D. Nabavian: Amsterdam Avenue and also act in urgency
- S. Simon: was there any discussion about weather to include the area north of 190<sup>th</sup> street in order to cut out the area of racing and drug activity? Answer: D. Nabavian stated that not in this context as this is not the only area with issues of safety
- D. Estevez: there are a lot of kids participate in programing in that area year round so it should be prioritized just like in school areas.
- J. Berlin: we should change the resolution to say all of Amsterdam Avenue and this stretch is the drug starch area. Answer: D. Nabavian accepted the friendly amendment

**8:40pm Public Safety Committee, Curtis Young, Chair:** This had been a very challenging year especially over the Public Safety Committee and our country seen racial injustice occurring and police brutality happening. I tried my nest to lead a democratic committee that fill with equity voice and reason. So today there was an email that was sent around that referred to me (PS Chair) in a hurtful way. It was not easy to being referred to as a Negro as someone who had the opportunity to lead the board is diminution because I'm a person of color. That was a very hurtful email even if it's not true, it definitely stung me a little bit like everything that I had been doing discredited. I know this is an allegation right now and we don't know who said what, where is the recording and if there is one of a conversation or who has it but I do want you to know that after listening to Isidro, Tanya and Ayisha, we do need to take it seriously and I think does justice to know who said what to investigate and get to the bottom of this. The Committee resolution about the NYPD decimal metrics to request additional time to review the document. Please refer to the Minutes for further information from the meeting report.

CB12 members Q&A:

- W. Benjamin: to Ebenezer and Eleazar, the purpose of the Executive Committee (EC) passing the resolution asking for more time was for that EC resolution to go out to the 33<sup>rd</sup> and the 34<sup>th</sup> asking for more time not for it to come to the Board to be ratified. Has that EC resolution been issued? Answer: S. Simon, as the person that made the recommendation at the EC meeting, this is not an issue that will be within the domain of the Precincts, and it was my impression that it will be voted on by the full board and then sent to the Police Commissioner. We can send it to the Precincts but they could not grant us additional time for comments. This resolution should also be sent to the Mayor as well
- It is important to clarify what we mean by time sensitive resolutions. This is a second a resolution related to Public Safety was held and did not go out as time sensitive resolution.

Answer: E. Bueno, I think that the resolution needs to gather all of the facts and much information as we could. W. Benjamin, the request for public comments came to the committee after the meeting. But, for something that is to important, that will allow the committee to draft a resolution

- o L. Ritter: regardless if we get extension or not any NYC residents are free to send comments on this plan as individuals with the NYPD.

**8:53pm** Roll Call: L. Ritter explained: Licensing resolutions 1-18 keep in mind that items 10, 11, and 17 were withdrawn so we are not voting on these. We are also not voting on item #14 as it has been tabled and sent back to the Licensing Committee. Letter resolutions A-C. Two resolutions 15 and 18 are negative resolutions so the resolution itself is a no for that applications.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Resolutions</u>	<u>Vote Tally: Y/N/Abs/NV</u>	<u>Result</u>
A	<b>Aging Committee:</b> Resolution requesting businesses to give priority to seniors & persons with disabilities	42-0-0-0	PASSED
B	<b>Traffic &amp; Transportation:</b> Resolution on DOT street safety improvements on Amsterdam Ave	42-0-0-0	PASSED
C	<b>Executive Committee / Public Safety:</b> Resolution requesting more time to consider NYPD Discipline Matrix & call for public feedback	41-0-0-1*	PASSED
#1	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Hudson Heights Bar & Grill Corp. dba Bar 180 – 4241 Broadway (at the corner of W 180th Street)	38-1-2-1*	PASSED
#2	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Café Sahara- 4026 10th Avenue (btw W 214th & W 215th Streets)	39-1-2-0	PASSED
#3	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Las Palmas Restaurant Inc. – 3891 Broadway (btw W 162 <sup>nd</sup> & W 163 <sup>rd</sup> Streets)	39-1-2-0	PASSED
#4	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ - 3956 Broadway (at the corner of W 166 <sup>th</sup> Street)	39-1-2-0	PASSED
#5	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: 4946 Broadway Restaurant LLC dba Tubby Hook Tavern – 4946 Broadway (bet. 207 <sup>th</sup> Street and Isham Street)	39-1-2-0	PASSED
#6	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: 1601 Dominican Valle Restaurant Corp. – 1601 Saint Nicholas Avenue (at the corner of W 190th Street)	39-1-2-0	PASSED
#7	Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Sabor Tropical Restaurant Corp. – 143 Sherman Avenue (at the corner of Academy Street)	39-1-2-0	PASSED
#8	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Class Change of its License to: Jach Restaurant Corp. dba Park View Café Restaurant – 219 Dyckman Street (at the corner of Dyckman Street)	38-2-2-0	PASSED
#9	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Corporate Change of its License to: Café Sahara – 4026 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (btw W 214 <sup>th</sup> & W 215 <sup>th</sup> Streets)	39-1-2-0	PASSED
#10	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Removal of its On Premise Liquor License to: Il Posto Trattoria Rustica Corp. dba Café Tabu – 225 Dyckman Street (btw Broadway & Seaman Avenue) – <b>Withdrawn at meeting</b>	withdrawn prior to meeting	n/a
#11	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Method of Operation Change of its License to: <i>Add Karaoke &amp; Live Music</i> Inwood Beer Garden & Bistro dba Inwood Bar & Grill – 4892 Broadway (btw W 204 <sup>th</sup> & W	withdrawn prior to meeting	n/a

	207 <sup>th</sup> Streets) – <b>Withdrew prior to meeting</b>		
#12	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA Method of Operation Change of its License to: Eskina 214 Corp. dba Café Tabaco y Ron – 501 W 214 <sup>th</sup> Street (at the corner of W 214 <sup>th</sup> Street)	<b>35-2-5-0</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
#13	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Mis Delicias Colombianas – 588 W 207 <sup>th</sup> Street (at the corner of Vermilyea Avenue)	<b>36-3-3-0</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
#14	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Crack n’ Peel – 126 Nagle Avenue (at the corner of Arden Street) <b>MOTION TO TABLE THIS APPLICATION</b>	<b>31-8-3-0</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
#15	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Emma Bar & Grill Corp. dba Emmas’s Place – 3805 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (at the corner of W 204 <sup>th</sup> Street)	<b>36-1-5-0</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
#16	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Bija 203 Inc. dba Taller Cocina – 416 W 203 <sup>rd</sup> Street (btw 10 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)	<b>36-3-3-0</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
#17	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>No Objection</b> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Pharaohs Bistro Corp. dba Pharaohs Bistro – 524 W 207 <sup>th</sup> Street (btw Post & Sherman Avenue)- <b>Withdrawn at meeting</b>	<b>withdrawn prior to meeting</b>	<b>n/a</b>
#18	<b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <b>Objection</b> to the SLA Eating Place Beer License to: Seafood King Fish Market Inc. – 3903 – 3905 Broadway (at the corner of W 163 <sup>rd</sup> Street)	<b>36-1-5-0</b>	<b>PASSED</b>

\*2 members who work for NYC agencies were “Not Voting Due to Conflict” as they work for agencies related to the resolution.

### Government Officials Reports

**9:10pm Manhattan Borough President, Gail Brewer:** Regarding open streets and restaurants, I. Medina was kind to meet this morning with other BIDs for discussion about businesses. Small businesses are hearting and we are working on that. The CB12 website is fabulous, congratulation Mr. Chair. Cleaning has been great, congratulations; CB12 is doing it more than anybody. The 857 Riverside Drive is outrageous usage, we are working on it, I hope it is a skinny little street so he cannot do what he wants to do, and we are working on it with Maria and Wayne. In terms of the Census, we have 8 days to go. The biggest problem now we have sent letters to anyone that have absentee ballot in the June election, 85,000 people received emails and letters. We sent out 280,000 letters to the lowest performers Census tracts. So many building downtown managements will not let census works in. In terms of schools; in Tuesday will cover all of Manhattan schools with material about census After School Day of Action. Looking to continue working with CB12.

**9:15pm Report from the Comptroller’s Office (Mariel De La Cruz):** The Comptroller is doing work around things that need improvements; the Comptroller have 2020-2021 back to school guide information and resources for DOE parents and students. The guide is in Spanish, English, and Mandarin. The Comptroller has been pushing for an audit of Animal Care Center. Animal gets sick in these spaces especially during the pandemic when a lot of people get sick and have to relinquish their pets. We understand that this by itself contribute to the over population at the city shelter. The Comptroller want to make sure that there is a plan for homeless students and ones that live in shelters, that they can continue to study and not left behind. Lastly, there are workshops for small business

**9:20pm Report from the City Councilmember Mark Levine:** For these who are observing, Happy Jewish New Year (Shana Tova), as someone that run and lost a few elections I can say that it reflects nothing about the character or the quality of the candidate so to Chair Young, a person I know to be of a highest integrity has made outstanding contribution to this Board and to the broader community, I’m deeply upset that you have been subjected to that disgusting language. I’m glad that investigation is underway. I sponsored two bills that had passed City Council: 1. Prohibited

developers of affordable housing banning applicants base on credit history. This has been a common practice, people had medical problems or student loans that had problems managing their credits too often are excluded from the affordable housing should it's available to people in need. This bill is now prohibiting that. The 2<sup>nd</sup> bill strengthens and expand free legal assistant available to low-income owners of small business. When they face eviction, when they negotiate a lease during this difficult time when rent need to come down. COVID19: there are real signs that NYC is not out of the woods yet. It is critical that you all double down and take precaution that you need, avoid large gathering, wear a mask in public and get tested, and not treating positive antibody test as life saving guard. We are very worried about the emergence of the flu season in this pandemic; it is really complicate the fight against COVID19. It is critical that everyone get their flu shot, last year it was only 48% that got the flu shots. We need to do better than that and there will be free flu shot in my district office 11am-3pm we ask that you pre-register. You can get the flu shot at your pharmacy as well.

**9:26pm Report from the Public Advocate Office (Phillip Ellison):** For our non-conforming Jewish brother and sisters Happy New Year. C. Young is doing a tremendous job as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee. As we are all thinking about defund the police and this kind of tens conversation, it is actually necessary to start a campaign around re-defining public safety. Much of NYC struggle with these issues of police involvement and accountability. Policing, mental and public health included.

**9:31pm Report from the Office of NYS Senator Robert Jackson (Chris Nickell):** As an office we are very concern about the allegations about the racist email that was circulate around and we are looking forward for a full investigation of this issue. That resident an all too familiar allegation of racism in our community and we take this issue very seriously. We are aware of the effort by the Public Advocate Office to have a meaningful conversation about anti blackness in our community, but these efforts cannot get off the ground when things like this happening among the group that need to lead these efforts. We held a form two weeks ago helping reimagine public safety in a different frame rather defunding the police that got all the headlines. The event is on FB go to Senator Jackson fb page. We were joined by Curtis Young, Sally Fisher and other CB members. The Senator introduce an important piece of legislation originated by Joanna Garcia, the Chief of Stuff, it is a simple tweak to the Family Leave Law that will allow working parents to use family leave fee for supporting their kids in remote learning weather the school is closed or in a hybrid model and it will use the existing structure of family leave law, so no fiscal impact on the State. We sign a letter long with CC Levine pushing indoor dinning. We are supporting a lot of parents base advocacy in District 6 because there are grave concerns from school to school that things are not ready.

**9:37pm Report from the Office of Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez (Kiana Diaz):** CC introduced this year the voting right initiative that will allow green-card holders to vote in municipal elections. We are involved in street cleanup we meet every Saturday in front of Il Sole. There will be an OAT town hall on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**9:38pm Report from the Office of US Congressman Adriano Espillat (Laurie Tabias-Cohn):** Information on what the CM is doing is available on the CM website. He took the lead in organizing the cleanup on Dyckman and we are very grateful to the other elected and community leaders for getting together for this initiative. The Congressman is a member of the US House of Foreign Affairs Committee, the Committee of Transportation, Infrastructure and Housing, and the House Select Committee on Small Business. His expertise on foreign affairs is the Caribbean basin. He is a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus; he is the chair of Hispanic Caucus Taskforce on transportation, infrastructure and housing. A reflection of the deep need in our community. The New American Caucus, the Congressional LGBTQ Equality Caucus, Diabetes, pro-choice, foster-

care, so on. Some of the new bills in the works: SPA grants for efficiency upgrade, solitary confinement ban, chokehold ban, pardon immigrant for illegal status to enable felon who serve time to be able to vote, green roofs for energy efficiency for federal buildings and embassies, the Caribbean climate disaster resiliency strategy, and more.

**9:42pm Report from the Office of Assembly Member Carmen De La Rosa (Orlando Ovalles):** AM has been working on mark to mark to market tax along with Senator Ramus from Queens. The legislation will exclude workers and will help formally incarcerated individual to be able to have access to this funding. She is also working on legislation that will allow undocumented immigrants to receive conditional relief. Also working on early release bill for individual incarcerated on minimal one felony. This summer AM marched with NMN4S asking NYS to pass comprehensive housing legislation to protect and prevent avocations from happening during this time. De La Rosa also distributes PPE and hand sanitizers with the MBPO to small businesses. AM also conducted a walkthrough along Dyckman and distribute information about noise pollution, hand sanitizers, and social distancing signs for business. School supply give away, 250 school supply distributed near Raul Wallenberg Park and some PPE. NIMIC food pantry giveaway. Census 2020 outreach ad there will be Census week to assist residents to complete census.

#### **Committees None-Resolution Report**

**9:48pm Health & Environment, Steve Simon, Chair:** As of today COVID19 website report we have head 5,627 cases of COVID in our district, 947 residents of our district have died. There was a full report by the EMS station on Amsterdam and 172<sup>nd</sup> street, this station was open in 2012 with 67 employees and today they have 96. Back then they had 6 ambulances, today they have 9 + 3 spares. The members of EMS are doing unbelievable work, and not getting proper recognition. 34 of EMS employees got sick this COVID time and miss 330 tours as results other employees had to make the difference and their shift turned out to be 16 hours and some worked 5 days in a row. All but one employee is now recovered. DDC report that sewer installation between 215<sup>th</sup> and 218 streets is now completed. The Ryan Health Center on Wadsworth Ave is schedule to open next week. We had a presentation on noise pollution with further discussion with reprehensive of FDNY about fireworks took place. I'm hoping to work with Curtis so both committees will pass a resolution in October dealing with the issue of controlling illegal fireworks and the extreme issue we face due to this activity.

**9:52pm Youth & Education, Fe Florimón, and Chair:** discussion of the opening of the schools. We wanted to know how parents and students feel about remote and physical learning. Some parents don't know hoe to navigate the virtual system, and parents are going through great deal of concern about the education of their kids. Please refer to the Minutes for more information. M. Luna said that the parents of minority unable to speak to language and they receive 2<sup>nd</sup> hand information. We need to put a lot of pressure to the DOE to be more transparent and provide information about remote learning. We will have a hearing in the Success Academy.

**9:58pm Business Development Committee, Domingo Estevez, and Chair:** refer to the Minutes. I'm in communication with the hospital and will request a presentation next month.

**9:58pm Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair:** the Minutes are late, you will get them soon. We had many issues discussed; parks enforcement, sanitation issues, noise enforcement issues. The Committee is working with PD and Parks enforcement and they will start attending PCA meeting regularly so they can hear the issues from residents. Shutout to Parks cleanup crew who are cleaning every morning, 6 days a week, year round trash pickup. However, that is always good to walk out in the park with trash bags and trash picker, contact me (the Chair) if you are interested in helping out keeping our parks clean. I went last week to the ribbon cutting of a new soccer field in Highbridge Park not of the rack center. We had an

ongoing issue with the Dorothy McGowan Memorial Garden on 158<sup>th</sup> street about allegation on who is doing what in the Garden, some maybe illegal activity. L. Ritter is working with C. Young, Chair of Public Safety trying to work this out. Lastly, joint Public Safety, Traffic & Transportation and Parks and Cultural Affairs Committees are working together on the closing of Ft Tryon Park traffic over the summer for use as an exercise and biking and other recreation activity. With the re-opening of the Cloisters Museum the drive is now re-open. We are talking to the Cloisters about the possibility of maybe their security guards closing the drive at night when the museum is close and maybe having the drive use as recreational facility in the spring and summer. Next month there will be a presentation by D. Estevez about improvements his group UpLife NY want to do in the ball field next summer and we will be working on the expense and capital priority.

**10:02pm Housing & Human Services Committee, Ariel Miranda, and Chair:** Refer to the Minutes

**10:03pm Land Use Committee, Wayne Benjamin, Chair:** The Minutes are not out yet. The committee discussed two items: 1) Equity and inclusion in planning and zoning; the discussion came out of an email sent out to every community board member got from the DCP in late June stating that their support of Black Lives matter and against violence against the minorities. We invited DCP representatives DCP and a representative from the MBPO and the Executive Director of the Bond Center to talk to us about how planning and zoning had been used against equity and inclusion and to discriminate against minorities. We also look at downzoning had been done with the intent of not allowing affordable housing that are typically high density in some areas in NYC. We are looking to explore in more details the way planning and zoning used against planning and equity and what can be done to more pro-actively make sure city agencies have more equity and inclusion inline. That discussion was looking on city agencies, and, going back to the study from 2007 and getting community input on what our local planning need and objectives. The people of the African diaspora should not allow themselves to be divided based upon whether they colonial masters spoke English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, or Dutch. That just allows the continue divide and concur. We need to look into what our interests been serve and express properly. 2) 857 Riverside Drive project, that existing building date back to the 1800's that believe to be the Audubon guesthouse that have been unfortunately altered that the exterior proposed to be demolished and replaced with a 13 story building. The dramatic change size nit withstanding is not something in theory not permitted as of right under zoning but there are relatively questions how the zoning calculation was done. The width of the street in terms of DOT prospective that is a narrow street. The zoning calculation has been considered a wide street but that doesn't make sense. This particular project point to an issue that the CB12 has passed resolutions in the past 10-12 years that have asked DCP and LPC to do things. In this particular location, there is overlap between the agencies. We did a soft site analysis when Scott Stringer was the Borough President but an area such as this one that is zoned R8 had been potentially vulnerable because R8 will allow bigger density buildings that are currently not there and there is not anything illegal about it but the 1960 zoning was put in place, that overlay created a situation that existing building and new buildings are mismatch. This is an extraordinary example of that. In the 10 years that has passed since our resolution, DCP has not done a thing to act on the resolution passed by CB12. In 2008, when LPC was looking for advise for how to set the boundary for what is now the Audubon Park Historic District, CB12 passed a resolution telling them to study a broader area that will be include the upper and lower drives. LPC did not do that nor did they act on any of the other resolutions we passed over the years. We since asked them to expand the District or adding adjacent district. Here again, we are looking at a project had DCP acted on it we would have had contextual zoning who will not allow a 13 story building. Or, had LPC acted we would have had a historic district in place that will not allow an architecturally inappropriate development.

**10:26pm Natalie Espino (MBPO):** thank you all for your service, the Audubon Playground, my pre-school library on Ft Washington is being listed in the Historic National Registry. Reminder to everyone that you must let us know if you have a change in status. If you choose to resign, please let the MBPO know. Without your notifications we cannot appoint a replacement, and that leaves the Board short. If you move let us know because we balance the board according the locations of members. And if you switch jobs you must let us know.

**10:32pm Maria Luna:** we are amazing community and the email we receive is embarrassing to our members. A fire brook in an apartment when fireworks landed inside. The mother of the family was sent to Dominican Republic, she was very frail after the fire and passed away this morning. A reminder to all CB12 members that we have had African American chairs in the past; Mary Higgins, Pamela, Richard Lewis and we have to make a commitment that need to respect each other.

**10:37pm Liz Ritter:** all resolutions passed

**10:37pm Chair E. Bueno:** The special election for the Assistant Secretary position will take place in October. There are two candidates interested in the position, Daryl Cochrane and Rosy Perez.

**10:38pm Tanya Bonner:** Old and new business was not call. I wanted to go back to the email that was sent by Rud Morales and some of the things that were said by government officials. I want to thank them for express their concern about the email that was sent. Lastly, I want to acknowledge the work we put in like addressing social issues that don't get recognized and biased against women on the Board. Yes, while we have had African Americans chairs that are black, we had African American President that doesn't erase racism, it doesn't erase anti blankness or discriminations. It is a systemic issue and that is why I and S. Simon have worked together on a resolution of inclusion and diversity so we can address the systemic issues within our board. And recognizing that we as a representative of this community, it is our job to reflect the values if we are going to represent this community.

**10:42pm Isidro Medina:** I really appreciate everything that Maria had to say. I'm very concerned about the allegation in the email that was sent out and more disturbed that the email mentioned my name but I was not the recipient of it. In terms of racism on our CB, every now and then, there are people that think that they know everything some members are very dismissive of people and they tend to degrade people who have accent. So, it is not just about race, it is about language, background, and that has to be taken into account. We need to investigate the serious allegation that was brought up. And, whoever made this allegation, also need to be held accountable.

**10:45pm Old Business:** L. Ritter ask for an update in regards to membership of the Inwood Rezoning Taskforce. Answer: MBPO rep Natalie Espino; we had a meeting about the taskforce. Normally the BP create these taskforce and supporting non CB members stakeholders, running meetings, and how they are going to proceed is a matter that MBPO will support.

**10:47pm Motion to adjourn:** moved by D. Estevez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Ritter.

**Respectfully submitted:** Osi Kaminer, Secretary