

**Community Board 12, Manhattan General Meeting**  
**November 24, 2020 / Online via Zoom**

**Board Members Present:** Marielle Ali, Richard Allman, Mary Anderson, Wayne Benjamin, Jim Berlin, Tanya Bonner, Eleazar Bueno, Daryl Cochrane, Nobles Crawford, Waldys Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Katherine 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, Jay Mazur (left early), Isidro Medina, Ariel Miranda, Debby Nabavian, Jonathan Nunez Frometa, Rosy Perez, Paradise Phoenix, Christina Richiez, Bruce Robertson, Edda Santiago, Steve Simon, Omar Tejada, Angel Vasquez, Chris Ventura, Curtis Young.

**Board members Excused:** Glennis Aquino-Gil

**Board members Absent:** Francisco Alvarez, Robin Cruz, Naysha Diaz, Juan Guzman, Mariam James, Cindy Matos, Bruce Robertson, Christopher Vantura

**Staff Present:** Ebenezer Smith; Paola Garcia, Shinelle Paniagua

**Elected Officials Present:** Gale Brower (MBP), Natalie Espino (MBPO), Phillip Ellison (Public Advocate Office Rep), Mariel De La Cruz (NYC Comptroller Office), Chris Nickell (NYS senator RJ Office), Laurie Tobias-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:** Luisaura Milano, Peter Green, 1917\*\*\*\*090, Adam Fran, Aliza H, Carol Weinstein, Cheryl Miller, Chris Campagnola, Dr. Gary Altheim, Edward Lehner, Edwin, Edwin Contreras, Eileenking7g, Eli Ganias, Fred Jewell, Isa Puello, J, James P Grate, Jan Dyckman, Jeff J, Kevin Hirson, Lesleydoyel, Lorean T2 Outreach, Molly Michels, Nayma Silver, Nelson Andino, Patricia Rojas, Peter Ostrander, Reena Nazir, Rich, Robert Isaac, Rosely Paulino, Sandra Wachspress, Savannah (WHIDC), Shari Michels, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Sheba Jackson, Steve Ucko, Vivian Ducat, WMEI Bolton, Zadieadams, Adam Fran, Dan Cohen, Jennifer Bristol, Joby, Joyce, MA, Nancy Preston, Tara Wholley, Leah Soman, Dina Rama, Lord Crawford, Ross Frommer,

6:39pm **Call to Order:** The Zoom began at 6:39pm; the meeting was called to order with a quorum.

6:39pm **Agenda & Minutes:** Small change to the order of the agenda, Dyckman Scholars presentation will take place right after the adoption of the agenda and the minutes. L. Ritter moves to adopt the September General Meeting (GM) agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Anderson. All in favor, the Agenda was adopted. I. Medina moves to adopt the September GM Minutes as submitted, M. Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

6:41pm **Chair's Report, Eleazar Bueno:**

Ross Frommer CU MCC VP of Community Affairs and the Dean of the University Irvin Center present the 2020/2021 class of scholars: this is a year like no other, our students are dealing with something they never intended but we are dealing with that the best we can. This scholarship ensures that all qualified students attend Columbia regardless of economic background. Many other students from northern Manhattan attended Columbia College many on financial aid all part of CU's commitment to making education affordable for those who wanted. Thank you to Martin Collins, Albert Garcia, Ziad Ramadan, Don Rice, Patricia Rojas, Steve Simon, and Bob Isaac. Also, three previous elected officials strong supporters of this program Brian Murtaugh, and former CC Stanley Michaels. Also Dr. Garcia, a former scholar of this program.

Leah Soman, the Director of Financial Administration at Columbia College: our mission is to help all students admitted to Columbia College regardless of financial circumstances or citizenship status to achieve their goal of pursuing education at Columbia. Families with income lower than \$60,000 will not be expected to contribute to their students' education. Three students Kareem Robles, Lord Crawford, and Dina Rama are the Dyckman Scholars this year. The three students introduced themselves; Lord Crawford is a junior studying computer science, Dina Rama is a sophomore majoring in financial economics. Karima (recorded a video) was a freshman majoring in sustainable development but now studying computer science and will graduate early.

6:44pm Eleazar Bueno thanked M. Anderson for the Aging Committee press release about the committee resolution that addresses senior lines and requests express entry or senior hours due to COVID. CB 5 and 10 requested copies of the resolution so they can pass a similar resolution.

Eleazar Bueno expand his gratitude to Mariam Johns from the Dyckman Project for the annual turkey giveaway event

\$25,000 was given to DSNY for an additional hour of trash baskets pickup hour at the commercial corridors

6:56pm

**Nomination Committee report, Nobles Crawford, Chair:** Our election will take place in December General Meeting

This year election will be virtual. The nomination committee came together for a common goal; make sure that we bring the best members that we feel represent diversity to this board in the best possible way. We did our business in a very transparent way. I want to thank the other members of the committee: Marielle, Paradise, Jonathan, and Chris. Thank you so much. I want to thank Jim Berlin, Paola, and Ebenezer for their support of the nomination committee.

The floor will be open for verbal nomination from the floor. If the member you are nominating is not present, she or he will have a few days to accept or reject the nomination. According to our by-law, attendance criteria allow people to be nominated for any of the positions. You must be a board member for a year and in good attendance standing; have to be in attendance of 2/3 of General Board meetings and 2/3 of your assigned committee's meetings.

The following members accept the nomination by the Nominating Committee:

Assistant Secretary: Rosy Perez, Sally Fisher

Secretary: Osi Kaminer

Treasurer: Gerard Dengle, Omar Tejada

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair: Liz Ritter

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Katherine Diaz

Chair: Eleazar Bueno

The following members nominated from the floor and accept the nomination:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Francisco Lopez, nominated by Ashley Fernandez

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Tanya Bonner, nominated by Liz Ritter

The following members nominated from the floor and decline the nomination:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Daryl Cochrane, nominated by Sally Fisher

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Isidro Medina, nominated by Daryl Cochrane

Chair: Curtis Young, nominated by Osi Kaminer

Chair: Wayne Benjamin, nominated by Liz Ritter

Chair: Katherine Diaz, nominated by Osi Kaminer

Chair: Steve Simon, nominated by Sally Fisher

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Chair: Daryl Cochrane, nominated by Sally Fisher

Chair: Maria Luna, nominated by Daryl Cochrane

Chair: Domingo Estevez, nominated by Liz Ritter

7:37pm

Wayne Benjamin asked that Chair Bueno respectfully acknowledge the passing of the only African American mayor of NYC, David Dinkins. Chair Bueno asked for a moment of silence.

7:38pm

Jim Berlin presents the two resolutions presented for voting: The Assistant Secretary election in October did not conform to CB12 By-Law and a resolution is required to make it legal. The Authorizing Resolution will ratify the Assistant Secretary election. A 2<sup>nd</sup> resolution: By-Law Voting Amendment that was approved by the EC at the last meeting. Article 15 and 16 of the CB12 Manhattan By-Law need to be amended but we cannot amend them as the By-Laws preventing us from doing so to allow remote voting. Because we are in an emergency, we need to change the above articles So we can ratify the October Assistant Secretary election. If we don't we have a volunteer assistant secretary until we do so.

CB members Questions:

L. Ritter: doesn't it make more sense to vote on both bylaw's suggestions first thing in December, so we can then vote on the other resolution?

J. Berlin Answer: to get the By-Law change we need to pass the first resolution tonight.

L. Ritter: Cuomo Executive order requires us to meet virtually, it assumes that we will come up with something that is outside our by-law as to how we vote. Because the executive order is in place

J. Berlin Answer: we cannot do anything in December until we pass these resolutions tonight

T. Bonner: what other situations constitute an emergency?

J. Berlin Answer: the kind of emergency declared by the Governor of the State of NY

S. Simon: the governor executive order presumably gives us the ability to function since we are in an emergency. Is any of this is even necessary? Doesn't the governor executive order allow us to continue to function without doing anything, without any amendments?

J. Berlin Answer: the only thing the governor's order does is remove the requirement for personal attendance, everything else remains the same.

S. Simon: you are keeping the proviso that when we amend the bylaws, it has to be introduced a month before the actual vote so the board has a chance to review the changes.

J. Berlin Answer: no, that is exactly what we are removing or we will not be able to vote next month

B. Frazier: would 9-11 and hurricanes be considered this kind of emergency although the governor didn't call them extended emergencies?

J. Berlin Answer: no because for us to do these virtual meetings the governor had to make the declaration that he did for this emergency.

**7:54pm District Manager's Report, Ebenezer Smith:**

- Last week, Jennifer Hoppa, the Northern Manhattan Parks Administrator, ask to coordinate an onsite visit to the pass-way between Heaven Ave and the Little Red Lighthouse. DPR maintains the cleanliness of the area however there is a lot of derbies in this area. The DOT is not clear as to what agency is responsible for maintaining the area. I am working to coordinate with the different agencies
- The Statement of District Need ranking was submitted to DCP last Saturday morning
- The calendar for December was sent out. Please review the dates and agenda of your meetings and please send any changes by tonight so the calendar can go out tomorrow
- The District Manager will be out of the country for a few days starting tomorrow. Paola will answer calls and emails

**7:58pm CB12 members Q&A:**

W. Benjamin: the median on Riverside Drive between 157<sup>th</sup> & 158<sup>th</sup> is under construction is there any feedback from government officials or DOT? DOT appears to be moving forward mindlessly and without answering the issues raised by residents. This issue was brought up last month, and, the project as it was designed does not allow for enough room for cars to pass by and create traffic backups.

DM answer: I followed up with DOT and they said that they would look into that. DOT said that its part of Vision Zero safety design forcing drivers to make right turns as S shape

D. Nabavian: DOT proposed to put a No Standing zone across from the median from 7AM to 7PM

**8:04pm Public Session**

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair clarified that speakers have two minutes each, and the Chair will keep time. Please use the raised hand to speak and you will be muted if you have tech issues, we will go back to you at the end of the public session. If I couldn't get back to you and you are back, just raise your hand. I will share my screen with a digital timer.*

Vivian Ducat: I live on 790 Riverside Drive, I'm a public member of the Land Use Committee. My neighborhood is dominated by Audubon Park district that was developed during the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century on land that once was the farm of John James Audubon. The area west of Broadway remained a desegregated neighborhood until the mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> century. In our effort to save 857 Riverside Drive from demolition by developers, the oldest house in our area built-in 1851 we learned that the upper Riverside Drive played a key role in the African American history of NYC. 857 Riverside Drive is owned by abolitionists and who also organized a church on Amsterdam and 158<sup>th</sup> Street who then welcome black slaves into the church, help them flee to safety in Canada. Please support Land Use resolution that supports landmark designation and the protection of this historic monument

Sharon Pop-Marshall (Bike NY): we have a new education facility and we are working in collaboration with Riverside Conservancy to offer bike education to people in upper Manhattan. Bike NY has a program called Street Action Now where we mentor individuals around the city to take a look at their street, to see how they can be improved and we will work with CHs and DOT on issues. Thank you Assembly Member A. Taylor, MBP, and M Levine for supporting this program

Sally Fisher (Friends of Inwood Hill Park): FIHP was honored to be one of the recipients of funding from the community boards paper challenge. We were joined by the Community of the Heights. We will spend the money on seeds giveaway, school children's planting of milkweed, wildflowers, and other native species. Community Tool Chest is a library of tools for the community to share. We have the Cleaning Up Your Park program, grabbers, gloves, shovels, and other tools. The library will be open on Saturdays by the Farmers Market and as needed bases for different groups projects. We have read poetry, etc.

Lesley Doyel: I live at 790 Riverside Drive and I'm am a member of the Upper Riverside Resident Alliance I want to highlight the importance of the Land Use resolution to preserve 857 Riverside Drive. For nearly 60 years I lived in Chelsea and for the last 25 of them, the mega-development taking over the residential neighborhood can be seen as an urban cautionary tale. Beginning with the piers, developers purchased inexpensive real estate for adaptive reuse like the Highline, Chelsea Market, and galleries. A certain amount of development can enrich the neighborhood but, overdevelopment is fast to follow. Send a strong message to developers that CB12 is already vigilant and will not tolerate the indiscriminate dismantling of their historic affordable and diverse neighborhood

Luisaura Milano (translated from Spanish by K. Diaz): my name is Rhys Garcia, the president of Non-Printing. In February I learned that that WHIM charter school is going to build in this location. He has a printing business at this location for 20 years and he does not know what will happen to his business. He spent all his savings in the middle of the pandemic to sustain his business and he does not know what his next step will be. He hopes to get answers and the attention of CB12. I. Medina added that this business is part of the WH BID for many years and we hope that there will be a dialog between the school and the business owner.

Peter Green: I'm a resident of 870 Riverside Drive. I'm the founder along with Leslie and Vivian, the Upper Riverside Residence Alliance. We started when we found out that 857 will be sold and develop into 13 story tower. We discovered that this house was something no one knew about; an anti-slavery, abolitionists colony that had fled the pro-slavery leaning of lower Manhattan. The house is almost entirely intact. It has to be saved this is the most important civil rights structure in US history. The developer that owns the place is trying to sell it for \$4.5-5 million. We need the CB to support this resolution

Eileen King: I'm a resident of 1140 Ft George Hill and a Board President of our Mitchell Lama coop. I speak in support of the recommendation on expanding speed cameras that mitigate speed racing. Motorcycles zigzag through the bike lanes and go through red lights. We are a key part of racing and key drug racing. We are fully supporting this resolution. We ask the Ft George will be given a priority.

#### 8:27pm Government Officials Report

**Alfred Taylor**: We have been out handing out PPE in the area. Tomorrow at 2pm we will meet in front of the Palace Theater at 175<sup>th</sup> and Broadway. Happy Thanksgiving, stay in a small group, and stay safe

**Joanna Garcia (NYS Senator RJ rep)**: NYS governor signed S338 into law which means that for 70 buildings, court order repairs must be completed within 60 days of the court order, no more delays for repairs at tenant's apartments.

Last month, the Senator collaborated with Ryan Health Center and had a flu vaccine drive with a record number of vaccination in Inwood. There was a turkey distribution in the district, 120 turkeys and vouchers distributed. There was PPE distribution in the district in collaboration with other elected officials. We have a supermajority in the State Senate and we will have great changes, delivering economic relief in the City. Thank you for the moment of silence in honor of the life of the late Mayor David Dinkins

**Mariel De La Cruz (Comptroller Scott Stringer Office)**: The Comptroller had done a lot of work in support of homeless students, students of color, or students in shelters and supports their need for wifi connection for virtual learning. The comptroller has a Work-Life Balance survey out and we would like to ask you to share it with other

**Kiana Diaz (CM YR rep)**: this past Saturday the CM had a virtual State of the District address. There were two town halls in regards to voting rights for green card holders and work permits in a municipal election. We collaborate with other government officials and had PPE and turkey giveaway events. CM continues to advocate for federal funding for MTA. The agency runs a \$12 billion deficit and there will be a 40% cut in service and the fare increase is coming

**Laurie Tobias-Cohen (Congressman AE rep)**: There is COVID testing and flue shots site on Benthon Gardens on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, no appointment needed. The testing is free, flue shots need some insurance to converge. There are other flue shots locations throughout the district. There was also a turkey giveaway as well. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, The Congressman was invited to address the full house of representatives on the issue disparities of COVID19 and the deadly impact on minorities' communities of color, and particularly Hispanic communities. He spoke as the representative of the Hispanic Caucus. The Affordable Care Act should be one element to mitigate this disparity. Congressman passed legislation to boost security funding and cooperation in the Caribbean. There will be \$75 million per year from 2021-2025 to reduce drug trafficking.

**CM Mark Levine**: Three zip codes were included in the Yellow Zone; 10031, 10032, 10033. There is an alarming trend in other zip codes as well. The new designation takes effect tomorrow, with a maximum of indoor seating for no more than 4 people indoors, no gathering for more than 25 people. There is a probability that our area will soon move to orange zones that includes hair salons, gyms, tattoo shops, etc. The challenge is growing uptown and city-wide, and we need to be extremely careful and safe. This is not the time for travel or gathering.

**Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President:** I'm supporting the 857 Riverside Drive resolution. The submission date for new CB applications is due on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. We have \$15-\$20 million seating at DOE for technological advancements that we cannot spend. We got the Comptroller to get rid of Directive 10, so you do not have to have individual devices attached to networking. Other challenges are in the way of getting students the devices they need. Micro testing is coming up. Public realm proposal: still pushing to have someone that will coordinate with different agencies. We send letters to all hospitals in upper Manhattan for more testing.

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

8:48pm **Licensing Committee, Isidro Medina, Chair:** The 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct was not in attendance at our last meeting due to switching of the day of the meeting. We had 21 resolutions, four of them were rejected because of many health violations and many board members present raised concerns about health issues. Therefore, the Licensing Committee did not support two resolutions. Application # 16 is a No Objection resolution; there was a typo on the agenda. Also, resolution \$20 was withdrawn and we are not voting on it.

L. Ritter: is agenda #16 No Objection? Yes it is

O. Kaminer: if the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct was not present at the meeting, did they send their recommendation or there were typos on the resolutions that indicated that the 34<sup>th</sup> had no objections? I. Medina: that was a typo on these resolutions.

S. Simon: The Indian Road Café indicated that Jason Minter is the owner, I was under the impression that he sold the business, is that not the case? L. Ritter: he is part owner and Tom Basco is running the place.

M. Graham: MamaTaco; some indicated that there is a noise issue. I. Medina: there was some indication that there were 3-1-1 call complaints. A. Vasquez: this was in anticipation of potential issues.

M. Luna: are the issues raised inside or outside the establishments, what kind of noise? I. Medina: there are complaints from the surrounding area. Some of the noise is coming from motorcycles and speeding cars.

8:59pm **Land Use Committee, Wayne Benjamin, Chair:** The Committee discussed 857 Riverside Drive since September. Initially, it was focused on the proposed 13 story building compliance with the zoning. After further research, it was discovered that the building was built and owned by known abolitionists, and the subsequent owner, a judge was also an abolitionist. He was a key figure in Washington heights in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Landmark Preservation law, although we typically think of it as about the architectural merit of a building or an area, it speaks to the architectural the store level or cultural significance of a building or an area, and this building 857 being the last existing building of what once was an abolitionist colony up here in Upper Manhattan is very important as they point out, it's also a bit of history, but I don't think any of us knew anything about the history of abolitionists in New York City. There are locations in Brooklyn or lower Manhattan that are celebrated on but nothing in Upper Manhattan and, you know, as we look at equity and inclusion in, you know, planning, we also need to look at equity and inclusion and also what is recognized in terms of historic preservation. I think the comments that were made in terms of its connection to, you know, one of this country's, you know, single most important civil rights on, issues is important. And so the Land Use committee unanimously supported the request for an evaluation that was submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to designate this building as an individual landmark. But as you read through the resolve, you will also note that in the past decade CB 12 has passed several resolutions on historic preservation, one of which actually would have covered this area. And so we support this request, but also we burnished LPC to engage and to be more supportive of designation and Upper Manhattan.

9:03pm **Parks and Cultural Affairs, Liz Ritter, Chair:** First, shout out to Julissa Reynoso on being named Chief of Staff to incoming First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, Washington Heights represent! Please read the Minutes. In our next committee meeting, we are going to discuss the renaming of Bennett Park. There was a presentation from DPR on their plan to make some repairs to the Amelia Gorman Park retaining wall. The upper plaza on Wadsworth Terrace is supported by the retaining wall. The plaza was closed due to a retaining wall collapse in 2017. I think the resolutions speaks for itself.

S. Simon: I just want everyone to know that Julissa Reynoso is a former member of this board.

9:05pm **Public Safety Committee, Curtis Young, Chair:** Captain Bello was promoted to Deputy Inspector. Our resolution is about the Furious Act. We had a presentation from Senator Brad Holman and the co-sponsor Senator Robert Jackson. We have had a lot of concerns and comments about speed racing in our community in the past few months. This bill will mitigate speed racing in our community by expanding the current use of speed cameras that are currently located in our school zones and expand the hours of operation to 24 hours a day. There was a concern that ICE may use the data to track undocumented immigrants so the resolution is asking that attention should be given to this regard to giving access to Federal agencies. The last Resolve speaks to our desire to maintain authority and make recommendations as to which cameras are going to be utilized. Right now the legislation does not allow for CB recommendations through a public hearing process.

D. Jettoo: I plan to vote against the resolution because I feel that we should take a step back and look at the problem more holistically. Expending camera use in school zones are adding more cameras generally doesn't seem like the most tailored approach. We don't know much about the problem to decide that expending school zone cameras is necessary for going to solve the problem. We don't know if there is a direct relation between speeding and drag racing and, many of the drivers speeding use illegal paper plates. This policy might most directly impact working-class people who are already financially strained by COVID. Some ideas: if there are areas that we already know there are problems install temporary cameras or install decibel meters.

C. Young: this resolution is not about noise but about speeding only. Noise mitigation is another legislation we are not discussing in this resolution. And it's not supporting the Furious Act

W. Benjamin: I suggest that the 2 resolved should be reversed, that is an issue here at the lower Heights day and night. The intent of the legislation to do something about the speeding should be the primary resolve

T. Bonner: we need to address the speeding issue, people that are hearing impaired have issues since they cannot hear the cars speeding too close to them. I think that some zones are more impacted than others and data is important so we can make an informed decision about how to address the issue

C. Young: I didn't say that we standing in support of the legislation because it did not go through the process at the Senate level.

D. Estevez: on the short-sightedness of legislation when it comes to the disproportionate impact it has on communities of color, right, we have a certain affluent sector of the Community pushing and talking about drag races. We have police departments talking about how a lot of these people who drag race or not even from the community and are using fake plates and how these cameras won't necessarily It's going to serve as a facade, fake fix that might further impact the community by the ramifications that are going to stem from it. I think it's a really important point. I propose a friendly amendment to say very explicitly the steps that should take place before considering cameras' expansion.

**9:21pm Housing & Human Services Committee, Ariel Miranda, Chair and Youth & Education Committee, Fe Florimon, Chair:** The two committees had a joint town hall event with five panelists; Beth Hofmeister from the Legal Aid Society, Wanda Tino, a retired principal from district 6, Daniel Feral fro Help the USA, Randy Scott Deputy Commissioner Department of Youth & Community Renewal, and Cheryl Kim, Uptown Hub division of community & population health. We had statistics collected from the Coalition of the Homeless. The resolution is about what had been affecting our youth homeless population throughout NYC over the years.

S. Simon: uncomfortable with the reference to Allan Pavilion that is now Allan Hospital. The psych unit we are fighting to keep open and is not officially closed. It is not the same as a psychiatric Center on the order of the large institution that had been closed all these years. I don't think that it should be grouped as if it is the same thing. I appreciate of you delete the reference to Allan. With the request that at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Section 8 voucher be available to homeless households, that may deny the families that are in danger of becoming homeless or that can no longer afford to stay in their homes and who are in desperate need of Section 8. That is going to prevent them from getting the help they need. I would like to offer a friendly amendment to include language that resolved homeless households so they can exit shelters as well as families that are in danger of becoming homeless.

A. Miranda: there is home-based support and this resolution is not leaving the families at risk out. The home stability support program is also mentioned in this resolution.

**9:28pm Business Development Committee, Domingo Estevez, Chair:** The resolution is highlighting small businesses and their contribution to the community. Tanya adds: back in 2010 AMEX started Small Business Saturday that is always the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The goal of this program is to support small businesses. We thought that it is important to give special consideration due to COVID. This year, Small Business Saturday takes on greater significance because of the pandemic, supporting more funding, etc. We would like to acknowledge Community Legal of the Heights, Cloth, WH BID, thank you, Isidro, Inwood Merchant Association, WH, and Inwood Development Corporation.

**9:32pm** M. Luna: The Deputy Inspector is one of the youngest and is from 162<sup>nd</sup> street, he was born in the Dominican Republic and was raised in Washington Heights. I'm also very proud of Jelissa was also the Ambassador to Uruguay. Through Mark Levine's effort and Johanna Garcia we distributed 28 turkeys yesterday.

#### **Committee Reports (non-resolution)**

**9:35pm Traffic & Transportation, Debby Nabavian, Chair:** Refer to the Minutes, you will see a summary presentation by DOT and draft plan for 184<sup>th</sup> street bus-way, 181<sup>st</sup> street closer to the 1 station for elevator replacement. 191<sup>st</sup> street station opened today, 2 months ahead of schedule. The board passed a resolution in regards to safety measures

around Riverside Drive close to 157<sup>th</sup> street that included a concrete median. The traffic calming would mean that if anyone double park, all traffic would stop and there was not sufficient room to allow traffic to flow.

9:38pm **Concern of the Aging, Mary Anderson, Chair:** Refer to the Minutes. We held a press conference at the Plaza on 175<sup>th</sup> street. There was a good turnout from government officials and community members. The goal is to prioritize the seniors and people with disabilities to have access to business in the area since there are still long lines in some places and seniors and people with disabilities should not have to stand in long lines sometimes an hour or more. CM YR would like to put a bill for the initiative. In our next meeting in January, Carmen De La Rosa will present bills that she sponsor that talk about seniors.

D. Estevez: the press conference was international, people from the Dominican Council log in to listen to the conference.

S. Simon: Did we get press coverage? Yes, channel 1, 11, Univision. The Grow NYC had a representative

9:43pm **Health & Environment Committee, Steve Simon, Chair:** As Mark Levine mentioned earlier, there is some variance between the statistics that are compiled by the State and these that are compiled by the City. According to the City record of the seven-day positivity rate ending last Saturday, we had 248 cases in our 4 zip codes. The worst zip code is 10033, second-worst 10040, followed by 10032. 10040 is not in the Yellow Zone, buy 10032 is and it is a little unclear how these determinations were made. All of our zip codes are over 3 present. The committee passed a resolution asking for control of the proliferation of the fireworks and we are asking the Public Safety Committee for a joint resolution addressing the issue

L. Ritter: will you have a presentation from the Corner project at your next meeting?

S. Simon: we had a presentation last month and we thought that the presentation should be made for the entire board

D. Estevez: is there specific testimony from specific individuals, is it coming from a specific area?

S. Simon: we are citing the fact that an apartment on Nagle and Dyckman burnt out due to fireworks, we are citing the fact that another apartment on west 157 street also, east of Broadway was burned out due to fireworks. There was also testimony by a woman daughter that was so affected by the fireworks that she had a heart attack and died

S. Estevez: I'm not saying that the issue is not necessarily happening, I'm saying that the narrative is usually dominated by certain individuals, that is all I'm saying

S. Simon: I reject that idea and I think the problem occurs through our community and affects people throughout our community, and we have been hearing from people throughout our community

D. Cochrane: at the amendment, it asks the City for a study. Should we ask a specific agency?

L. Ritter: we don't have to be specific because we don't know who is the leading agency that will conduct the study

T. Bonnor: it's about the fireworks resolution: I'm black, I'm not affluent and I have been impacted by the fireworks and so everybody in my building who are predominantly minority black and Hispanic. Let's not get into us versus them division, this is a public health issue. Fireworks are illegal, and that issue affects us all. We are all as a community needs to work on this as a community.

9:54pm **Roll Call**

Roll Call: O. Kaminer explained: Licensing resolutions #20 withdrawn so we are not voting on these. Two resolutions #5, and #12 are negative so the resolution itself is a 'no' for that applications.

| Item # | Resolutions  | Vote Tally:<br>Y/N/Abs/NV | Result |
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| #1     | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Saggio Restaurant Inc. dba Saggio – 829 W 181 <sup>st</sup> Street (btw Cabrini Boulevard & Pinehurst Avenue)                 | 37-1-1-1                  | PASSED |
| #2     | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to 4199 Crystal II Restaurant Corp. dba Guadalupe Bar & Grill – 597 W 207 <sup>th</sup> Street (btw Vermilyea Avenue & Broadway) | 38-1-1-0                  | PASSED |
| #3     | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Hudson Fulton Corp. dba Indian Road Café – 600 W 218 <sup>th</sup> Street (at the corner of W 218 <sup>th</sup> Street)       | 34-5-1-0                  | PASSED |
| #4     | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to 4740 Broadway Restaurant LLC dba Tryon Public House- 4740 Broadway (at the corner of Thayer Street)                           | 39-1-0-0                  | PASSED |
| #5     | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>Objection</u> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Punto de Sabor Inc. – 1464 St. Nicholas Ave (btw W 183 <sup>rd</sup>   | 35-3-2-0                  | PASSED |

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|     | & W 184 <sup>th</sup> Streets)   |            |           |
| #6  | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Up Thai Corp. dba Tung Thong 181 – 812 W 181 <sup>st</sup> Street (btw Pinehurst & Ft. Washington Avenues)  | 38-1-1-0   | PASSED    |
| #7  | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Pipo Pool Inc. 582 W 183 <sup>rd</sup> Street (at the corner of W 183 <sup>rd</sup> Street)   | 38-1-1-0   | FAILED    |
| #8  | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the Renewal of Taxi and Limousine Commission Livery Base License to New Haven Radio Dispatch Corp – 1059 Saint Nicholas (at the corner of 163rd Street)   | 38-1-1-0   | FAILED    |
| #9  | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Method of Operation Change of its License to Café Mathias Inc. dba Havana Tacos – 210 220 Nagle Avenue (at the corner of Academy Street) <b>Add DJ</b>  | 33-4-3-0   | PASSED    |
| #10 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Corporate Change of its License to Hudson Fulton Corp. dba Indian Road Café – 600 W 218 <sup>th</sup> Street (at the corner of W 218 <sup>th</sup> Street)                                      | 35-4-1-0   | PASSED    |
| #11 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Corporate Change of its License to Vida Mexicana Inc. dba Papasito Mexican Grill & Agave Bar – 223 Dyckman Street (btw Seaman Avenue & Broadway)  | 34-4-2-0   | PASSED    |
| #12 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>Objection</u> to the SLA Corporate Change of its License to D&C Restaurant Bar & Grill Corp. dba La Esquina de Nagua Restaurant – 2244 Amsterdam Avenue (at the corner of W 172 <sup>nd</sup> Street)                       | 40-0-0-0   | PASSED    |
| #13 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Corporate Change of its License to Hallacas Corp dba Juniors Taco 253-257 Sherman Ave. (at the corner of Isham Street)  | 37-1-2-0   | PASSED    |
| #14 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA Alteration of its License to 839 W 181 Food Inc. dba Le Cheile – 830 W 181 <sup>st</sup> Street (at the corner of Pinehurst Avenue) <b>Addition of the adjacent storefront to enlarge space</b> | 37-1-1-1   | PASSED    |
| #15 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to Mama Taco LLC dba Mama Taco – 5025 Broadway (at the corner of W 215 <sup>th</sup> Street)   | 29-7-4-0   | PASSED    |
| #16 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to Jarabacoa Restaurant LLC dba El Nuevo Taino – 2228 Amsterdam Ave (btw W 170 <sup>th</sup> & W 171 <sup>st</sup> Streets)                                      | 36-2-2-0   | PASSED    |
| #17 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to Nava Seafood Corp – 366 Audubon Ave (btw W 183 <sup>rd</sup> & W 184 <sup>th</sup> Streets)   | 36-2-2-0   | PASSED    |
| #18 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to La Cantina Heights Eatery Group dba La Cantina Heights - 4460 Broadway (at the corner of Fairview Avenue)   | 35-3-2-0   | PASSED    |
| #19 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to KOKO Seafood Salad Grill, Inc. – 92 Nagle Avenue (btw Ellwood Street & Sickles Street)   | 38-1-1-0   | PASSED    |
| #20 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to La Base Sports Grill Inc. dba El Conuco Restaurant – 65 Sherman Avenue (at the corner of Thayer Street) <b>WITHDRAWN</b>   | WITHDRAWN  | WITHDRAWN |
| #21 | <b>Licensing Committee:</b> Resolution of <u>No Objection</u> to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to Arthur Café and Billard Room Inc. 90 Nagle Avenue (btw Ellwood & Sickles Streets)  | 38-1-1-0   | PASSED    |
| #A  | <b>Executive Committee:</b> Resolution Authorizing Ratification of the Assistant Secretary Election on September 2020  | 41-0-0-0** | PASSED    |
| #B  | <b>Executive Committee:</b> Resolution Speeding Up The Bylaws Amendments   | 38-0-2-0   | PASSED    |
| #C  | <b>Land Use Committee:</b> Resolution supporting the request for Evaluation submitted to the Landmark Preservation Commission to designate 857 Riverside Drive as an NYC Landmark.   | 40-0-0-0   | PASSED    |
| #D  | <b>Parks &amp; Cultural Affairs Committee:</b> Resolution supporting a Retaining Wall  | 37-1-2-0   | PASSED    |

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|    | Reconstruction Project in Amelia Gorman Park  |          |        |
| #E | <b>Public Safety Committee:</b> Resolution on Expansions of Existing Speed Cameras to Mitigate Speed Racing   | 36-1-3-0 | PASSED |
| #F | <b>Housing &amp; Human Services and Youth &amp; Education:</b> Joint Resolution to combat Youth Homelessness & Mental Health Disparities amid COVID           | 35-0-5-0 | PASSED |
| #G | <b>Business Development:</b> Resolution honoring Small Business in Washington Heights and Inwood in Advance of Small Business Saturday amid Covid-19 Pandemic | 39-1-0-0 | PASSED |

\*1 member who works for NYC agency is -Not Voting Due to Conflict- as he works for an agency related to the resolution

\*\* 41 members were in attendance when resolution 'A' was called for a vote

10:20pm **D. Cochrane:** Point of Order for the parliamentarian: for our next meeting, can we just decide definitively about the Not Voting Due to Conflict, do one need to state the conflict?

J. Berlin: Eli and or the office will have to contact the Conflict of Interest Board for clarification. Just saying that you have a conflict is not enough

10:21pm **New Business**

S. Fisher: since the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct was not present at the Licensing Committee meeting since the day of the meeting was a change, today this meeting run at the same time as the Precinct Council meeting. A conversation with the Precinct needs to happen

M. Luna: these meetings are set up at the NYPD command center and not by the individual Precincts

10:23pm **Motion to adjourn:** moved by E. Bueno, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz Ritter.

**Respectfully submitted:** Osi Kaminer, Secretary