

Community Board 12, Manhattan General Meeting
October 27, 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, Waldys Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Katherine Diaz, Naysha Diaz (left early), 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: None

Board members Absent: Francisco Alvarez, Juan Guzman, Mariam James, Cindy Matos, Ayisha Oglivie, Christopher Vantura

Staff Present: Ebenezer Smith; Paola Garcia.

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 Tabias-Cohn (US Congressman Adriano Espillat 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: Dr Barr, Fanny Jesus, Teresa Aybar, Jennifer Sanchez, Christina Alphonso, Kate Yee, Tekla Szymanski, Laszlo Lecroy, Dorothea West, Julio Batista, Cheryl Miller, Eileen King, Tara, Jessie Henshaw, Rob Boatti, Dana Offenbach, Anthony Cimino, Karen Erasmus, Maggie Clarke, Gerald Rabi, Lorial Crowderm Ted Gallagher, Brianna Santiago, Annette Dieli, Ted Gallagher, David Friend, Andrew Leon, Jennifer Reyes, Thomas Leverton, WMEI Bolton, Tara Wholley, Anthony Russo, Algis Lencus, Alicia Simon, Bernard Grobman, Adrian Rosas, Sheron Pope-Marshall, Jerry culligan, Denita Nichols, Migdalia, Red Gallagher, HK Dunston, 1212****465, Angela, 1917****439, Matthew Lattimer, Nancy Preston, K. Innocent, Ada Graciano, User, Ary, Brendon Tesh, 1917****899, Katherine O’Sullivan, Marek Schwedt, Martin Colins.

6:37pm **Call to Order:** The Zoom began at 6:37pm; the meeting was called to order with quorum.

6:37pm **Agenda & Minutes:** I. Medina move to adopt the September General Meeting (GM) agenda, 2nd by G. Estrella. All in favor, the Agenda was adopted. I. Medina move to adopt the September GM Minutes as submitted, G. Graham 2nd, all in favor.

6:39pm **Chair’s Report, Eleazar Bueno:**

CB12 received an award from SDSNY Prime Industries, after the Board came in the 1st place in the 3rd quarter and 1st place overall for the Manhattan Paper Challenge. \$15,000 will go to community organizations we feel deserve to receive the money by the following criteria:

1. Organizations served in the winning community district
2. Organizations that go above and beyond from the start of the pandemic

6:41pm Katherine went over the guidelines for the special election for assistant secretary. The Board will vote via digital voting software OpaVote. Every member will receive a personalized link to vote. After the roll call you will receive an email that you will need to reply back to.

6:44pm Adrienne Felton (NYS AG L James Office): the AG office have a voters assistance hotline for voters that need assistance with voting issues: suppression, absentee ballots, and all their election questions. There may be an attorney to speak to. The hotline # is 800-771-7755 <https://ag.ny.gov/> . If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Election Hotline, please visit our Election Volunteer form and you can email me adrienne.felton@ag.ny.gov

6:48pm **District Manager’s Report, Ebenezer Smith:**

- Last month there was a request to send out the Licensing material and supporting material. Going forward the office will be sending comprehensive Licensing Committee material including the questionnaire to all CB12 members
- Budget ranking: only 15 board members sent their budget ranking to the office. The soon that the office have the tally we will send out the rankings. The office will extend

6:50pm CB12 members Q&A:

- W. Benjamin: one of the Traffic and Transportation items on the Budget Ranking was broken. After a comma, the sentence that was supposed to continue was broken to separate item. There was no way to give both items the same number. I note that in my email to the office and I wonder if it got fixed
- K. Diaz answered: this line item was fixed on Friday.

6:51pm **Presentation by Dr G. Barr**, MD, DrPH, Chief, Division of General Medicine Professor of Medicine and

Epidemiology Columbia University Medical Center; give COVID-19 update, nationally we have a massive epidemic in the spring. The situation now is that this is a threat all over the country. The number of cases in April was high specifically in part of Queens. The scale of the worst situation has ended, with next to no cases in July-August. This is a massive effort and what is keeping under control is the public that wearing mask and keeping under control. Since reopening, people are being careful, wearing masks, keeping social distancing. The neighborhood is doing an incredible job and it's a critical to keep it working. The Coronavirus transmitted by sneezing and wearing mask is working to stop the transmission. The medical Center is pushing to change behavior. In a new study by the Medical Center, Hydroxychloroquine proven to be ineffective for treating COVID-19 patients, it just doesn't work. 86 percent of patients in this study were from CB12; 50 present Hispanic, 15 present black, and a small minority of white patients.

3,500 patients were hospitalized with COVID in the Medical Center through the spring and summer. The Medical Center needs to find out how these patients are doing now, after hospitalization. The Medical Center have several new NIH studies to look at long term consequences of COVID-19 on the lungs and the hearts and using a variety of techniques to track the information. The study will be recruited from the Medical Center and controls who are living in CB12 district who were not infected with COVID but have some of the same risk factors of heart or lung issues already but doing fine.

On a large scale, the Medical Center has a large study in collaboration with 14 large cohorts including NOMAS, MESA, SOL and other large national studies. We hope that with these studies that we will be able to provide care for patients in our community. So far the next wave is very small, people need to continue take social distancing measures, wear masks and avoid crowded spaces. Flu vaccination is a key. Four of the large studies are in progress right now. High impact study is on the way.

7:06pm CB12 members Q&A:

- F. Lopez: as far as Inwood and WH, what are the numbers look like and is there anything we can do more, specifically business? Is the thermometer really work?
- Dr Barr Answer: Inwood is doing great right now. There is a little outbreak north of the City but not in our district. Follow what is working right now; wear a mask and social distance and be careful. Checking temperature doesn't really help much. It is a false sense of security to think that checking temperature is key for determine if one is positive or negative for COVID
- S. Simon: Inwood is doing relatively well since the pandemic started with only 62 cases and it remains steady. There are 167 additional deaths. Overall in our district we have just fewer than 6,000 cases and there is been increase just since last month, of 354 more cases. We had 4 additional deaths in the last month, two in zip code 10040, and two more in zip code 10033. Certainly not as bad as it was in March to June when we had a total of 930 deaths. Although four death in the last month doesn't sound too bad but not to these families that lost loved one. How do you evaluate the fact that we had 354 more cases in this last month alone? How serious do you think we should take that? There are 77 zip codes in NYC that are worst off than zip code 10040. Clearly we are not the worst of NYC but we still have issues we need to contain with. Has the Medical Center kept the capacity to what it was before, has it prepared for another wave if we get it? Can you provide with the number of patients in the hospital?
- Dr Barr Answer: I'm not suggesting at all that we should relax and think that everything is fine, we need to stay on top of it. There is a pandemic fatigue; we are wearing masks for s while now. The numbers are not zero and there is transmission in the community and more transmission in the community than there was in July & August. The numbers for the population size are still remarkably small and are reassuring. We are seeing nothing like it is accruing in the mid-west, TX, LA, the SD, ND and so forth. We have to take public health measures seriously particularly as the weather get colder and people

congregate in closed spaces. The numbers in the hospital are not zero but they are tiny compared to what we wear in the spring and we don't want to be back with the same numbers we had. I don't want to give the numbers but the Medical Center here in WH counting in one or two hands.

- A. Fernandez: I recognize that 86 percent of COVID patients are from our community, have you seen other large hospital doing this? Was there ever a thought doing this in other NYP Medical Centers? Given that Hydroxychloroquine is not working, is there a follow up with these patients or information that we can review as constituents on the Community Board?
- Dr Barr Answer: some of the studies published very early and we are just using data from the Medical Center here. Subsequently there are other studies more collaborative studies including more parts of NYP system, collaboration with Northwell and other hospitals in the area and from around the world. Most people think that Hydroxychloroquine is very benign there are some issues with arrhythmia and temporary heart irregularity that is a known side effect. Most people think that it is not helpful or harmful.
- B. Frazier: How much more evidence is emerging on how difficult is it to transmit COVID? I read in some papers that it seems that one needs at least 30 minutes of closed contact to transmit the virus, is that the case? In WH & Inwood we have many people that live in crowded conditions in their apartments.
- Dr Barr Answer: young children are really not affected by COVID and transmit less than adult. It is almost impossible to get the virus just by passing by someone on the street unless they make the effort to sneeze in your face. Singing, shouting, extreme workout will likely transmit the virus.
- S. Fisher: I'm concerned about the notion of taking the spread of the virus too lightly. With COVID fatigue people are looking to not wear a mask or take other precautionary measures. Do you have experience with children going back to school bars, etc. during incubation period? Given the number of cases NYP Hospital is seeing can be counted in two hands, is it not time to reopen the psych unit at Alan and Brooklyn Methodist?
- Dr Barr Answer: If you are at the other end of the spectrum, the transmission rate is very low. The great thing about outdoors is ventilation. So eating outside is less of an issue, for example. It's not that you cannot get infected when wearing a mask, but the chance of it is very low. I do not know the details about the psych units and that is a NYP decision.
- Nayma Silver: in regards to psych beds the facilities do not accept visitors due to COVID. The rule to end visitation was established in March. When visiting City hospitals they allow one visitor per patient. What can we do to advocate for Alan Psych unit to open up? And, will you say that it is safe for one visitor to visit family members.
- Dr Barr Answer: unfortunately I'm not a psychiatrist I'm a physician and cannot comment for that issue but we are not happy about that either
- Home made or industrial mask?
- Dr Barr Answer Home made masks are fine, you don't need N95, we wear these when we get into a patient that is positive for COVID. Do not wear a mask with a filter.

7:30pm **Public Session:**

The 1st Vice Chair clarified that speakers have two minutes each, and the Chair will keep time. Please use the raise hand to speak and you will be mute speak, 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.

- Ted Gallagher: I live on Henshaw Street for 40 years I'm calling about the Cloister Grill. We believe that they are less than 200 ft from the Church on Dyckman Street the preclude granting a license for this establishment. Henshaw Street is very difficult to navigate with the double parking and emergency services trying to go through. Members of CB12 stated that there should be a moratorium on licenses in this area because of over saturation of liquor licenses. We could not agree more with this statement. Noise, music and traffic, public urination, is too much for this small street. And we have two residential buildings overlooking this site. We ask you to consider denying this application for cause and for fairness to the community and quality of life in this neighborhood
- Tara: I second many of the comments stated by Ted Gallagher just now about Cloisters Grill on 7 Henshaw Street. I'm a law school graduate, work at a well-known law firm in the city. My fiancé 7 years

daughter live with us as well. I would add that many of the young children live on the block around the corner, walk along the corner with their families to the parks and school and many endanger themselves walking in this area. The FDNY and other emergency vehicle using Henshaw Street getting into the neighborhood are blocked from using Dyckman and Broadway and noise, large crowd is daily occurrence in other establishments on Dyckman Street that is only one block away from Henshaw Street. This is a results of the liquor licenses in these establishments that create amount of traffic on this street as well and create a lot of noise since Henshaw only allow passing of one car at the time. Henshaw street is not equipped to handle additional traffic and foot traffic that will be created when granting a liquor license to the establishment. Additionally, the sidewalks are particularly narrow and it is already difficult to navigate. This is will be difficult to navigate social distancing

- Sally Fisher: (asked to come back at the end). Friends of Inwood Hill Park. Thanks to the 50 families that showed up on the 17th for the Annual River Keeper Sweep day. We removed 36 bags of trash, 15 recycling bags that are about 1,000lbs of garbage that had been littered or washed ashore along the Hudson River. Across all sweep sites we took about 27,801lbs that is about 13.9 tons. Thanks to all the people that came out, Senator Jackson who organize that event, the Dreemers that Hike the Heights. Last weekend we took 7 bags of trash and more importantly, recyclable bags filled with recyclables containers. As many of you know Parks do not recycle, and if left in the parks, it will go with trash stream. We plant milkweeds in 15 locations, which important for the migration of the monarch butterflies. Coming up we will be beatifying Broadway street trees and will provide knowledge and tools for these that want to take care of street trees. We will have a planting event on the 15th of November, check our FB page for updates and events
- David Friend: speaking about item # 8, Budda Corp. on 193rd street and St Nicholas. I live on the opposite corner of the establishment and I'm speaking in opposition to this license. This intersection is one that has many problems, everything from noise, drag racing, etc. and people on this block are already suffering. Over 100 people signed a petition in my building alone to deny the license approval. There is a church directly across the street from the establishment. The SLA does not allow licenses to establishments that are 200 ft from the church. So there is no way that CB12 should support the application that is clearly in violation of the SLA rule. So a restaurant is one thing. But a neigh club that has open glass doors into the street and will have a capacity of 140 people. It is very close to a school in a section that is already a problem
- Cheryl Miller: I want to speak about the ranking and I ask that the CB12 seriously consider the speed cameras. Bikes are constantly speeding in this area, and dirt bikes too
- Maggie Clark: Speaking in opposition to 7 Henshaw Street which is technically in the basement of my building where I live for over 40 years. I have seen how the liquor licenses saturated the area specifically around Dyckamn Street. Even CB12 has said that there should be a moratorium on licenses in our area. I believe that Seawalk, Pate Palo, and Mamajuana and are within the 100 ft radius of this location therefore it is contradicting the 500 ft rule. In addition, the church of Jesus Christ of latter is a bloc away. I have seen a numerous occasions when the FDNY is using Henshaw Street because they are blocked from using Dyckman Street because of restaurants and the street closure. I heard noise emitting from this location in late hours. Once you approved a liquor license there is nothing we can do
- Anthony Cimino: I agree with the previous speakers about the Cloisters Grill. My apartment face Hansaw Street and I live there for 5 years. This street is essentially a parking lot, there is a loud noise of horns emitting from cars double parked on this street. There are two daycares in my building and toddlers are getting in and out right next to the establishment. There are already enough liquor licenses in my neighborhood as it is. The Mormon church is one block away, and many liquor licenses nearby. I urge you to not grant the liquor license
- Annette Dieli: K. Diaz: technical problems, will circle back
- Kate Yee: I'm speaking in regards to liquor license # 8 The Cloisters Grill, which is located on 7 Henshaw Street. I would like to echo the concerns shared by other speakers before me. Noise, traffic safety are all real concerns. I moved to this building about 2 years ago and I love it. We have a toddler and we walk to the park almost every day passing the establishment. It's a steep and narrow street with a lot of traffic. At 7pm one night we heard significant noise that we s=couldn't hear our TV for over half an hour. We

will be forced to leave our apartment that we so love and we urge the board to keep in mind that we want them to be respectable to the neighborhood and the street is too narrow to accommodate then traffic right now. We urge the board to vote in opposition to this application

- Gerald Rabi: I want to talk about 181st and St Nicholas liquor license. People ramp out the motors in a residential area, in the evening it is unreliable noisy and it is time to say enough is enough. This is a public health issue and it's really unbelievable. And, it is really in violation of the 200 ft rule
- Michelle & Karen Erasmus: I have been living in the neighborhood for 20 years and seen it completely disintegrated. Hearing the Cloisters Grill is not going to be added as another place is unacceptable so I urge you to vote no on this license. As some mentioned before, Henshaw is extremely narrow street many cars and music blasting it's incredibly uncomfortable on the weekends and nights to try to get some sleep and to have extra people to hang out is extremely uncomfortable. We have a new dog and he cannot sleep and have anxiety from the additional noise just on Riverside Drive. I urge to vote no for this application, we don't need it, we have enough issues in our neighborhood
- Jessie K. Diaz: technical problem, will circle back
- Dana Offenbach: I was born and raised in WH. The charm of this neighborhood is the mom and pop stores in the neighborhood and there are now five stores that closed down. I believe that in 2009 there were tax laws passed that give incentive to keep a property closed and receive a tax breaks rather than rent them and work with new tenants on empty commercial properties and I wonder if anybody know that and work on this issue and why it would be happening
- Eileen King: I want to speak in opposition to item #8 Budda Corp. a very large restaurant, 140 customers. Live music and DJ until 2AM. You are introducing into a residential area a night club. I remind you that there are already problems with nigh clubs on 10th Ave between Dyckman and 207th Street. By approving this liquor license you are introducing into our residential area a large nightclub that is allow to be open until 2am. Budda did not post a public notice 10 days prior to the meeting as required, only 3 days before the meeting so they should be in the agenda for tonight. I also want you to reconsider the retractable doors. The whole street front will be open. Speakers are inside but noise will spill outside. We are asking you to reject this application
- Thomas Leverton: (technical difficulties, will circle back) I'm a resident on Riverside Drive and I want to reiterate the issues in Henshaw Street and also Budda. I measured the length between Cloisters Grill and the church and it is within 200 ft. Also, it is also easy within 500 ft of other liquor licenses so it should not be allowed. It should not be allow on these counts. I witness ambulances, and fire tracks have to use Henshaw Street as access to get to Seaman and it is not in the community best interest. There are also issues with fighting and public urination on our street. The other day I saw someone urinating right outside the church. This problem will only get worse with additional license. I'm not sure the proximity to daycare is allow
- Migdalia: I'm a resident of Inwood for over 33 years. If you run a business in my community, you have to be respectful. I'm Latina that lives in this community, which I love, and Henshaw Street became the worst street; I don't even go down this street. If you are a business, you have to manage the people that double-parked. Signs don't help, we don't read signs and it's unacceptable. Be good to your neighbors and your neighbors will be good to you. You cannot come in here want a liquor license when you know when you let you patrons to double parked, and eat food on cars. You have to be respectful; we have enough stuff out here that will last a lifetime
- Algis Lencus: I want to talk about 7 Henshaw Street Cloisters Grill. In regards to traffic and noise, these are existing issues. Some of them have practical solutions that are not addressed. Double parking is increasing there and I don't know why the Precinct keeps a blind-eye about this issue, they should issue tickets. Also, the patrons leave trash out on the street and should be avoided. In terms of safety, approximately every 2 months the street sign get knock down at the left turn from Riverside Drive to Henshaw Street. There is a visibility issue, safety issue, and I would like to see some traffic calming done in this area
- Cheryl Pop-Marshall: I'm with Bike NY, we have officially christened our bike education center inside Riverside Park and 158th street. Thank you to the president of the Riverside Park Conservancy Dan

Garodnick, Senator Jackson, NYS AM Eines Dickens and CM Mark Levine. We have free bike education classes, we will provide a loner bike and helmet for these classes.

- Bernard Grobman: West 161 street between Broadway and Ft Washington was hell on earth this summer. We still have motor scooters, public urination, double-parking, parking in front of fire hydrant, etc. I'm not sure what can be done but people are hanging outside the bodega double parking and I'm asking what can be done to make things a little better.

8:09pm **Assistant Secretary Special Election**

Rosy Perez and Darryl Cochrane are running for the position

- Darryl Cochrane: thank you everyone for your consideration. This position came up and I was interested to help and I was interested before as well. In my years on the Board, I respect Osi's work and I would love to help out with that. I serve on the H&E as well as the PCA Committees under Liz and Steve and that was a wonderful experience and IO would like to contribute more to the Board. I want to give a shout out to Rosy.
- Rosy Perez: thank you for such a great remarks. I have such passion for my neighborhood and I would like to be more involved. That is why I'm running. I have written Minutes in my prior years and I know the operation and what goes in for being a great Assistant Secretary. Darryl is a great candidate as well and I appreciate your kind words.

8:32pm **Government Officials Report**

Gail Brewer, Manhattan Borough President:

- The mural painted on plywood that covered restaurant fronts was on display at the Ring Garden and now stored at Edison Property for free for future display. Thank you to Edison Property, NoMMA, DPR for a great collaboration
- We visited Pratt Industries paper manufacturer in Staten Island that produces pizza boxes from recycled paper. The factory run a paper recycling competition in which CB12 won and there will be a prize that can be given to one or two community based organization
- A letter sent to LPC in regards to 857 Riverside Drive to stop demolition of the building
- There is no tax break for vacant storefront in NYC! By February 2021, owners of commercial storefront will have to submit the sq ft of the empty store, and the amount of the last rent collected so the MBPO start collecting the data
- The MBPO would like to get ideas for these businesses that are using our streets; what the public realms will look like with the different users? CB5 is working with MAS for example. There are about 20 agencies that cover sidewalk rules. So who is going to make a decision about all of these outdoor spaces? MBPO would like to get CB12 input on what the public realm would be, and how the public spaces will look like?
- Census: many people left NYC , and many other did not complete the census
- COVID19: there are 14 swage facilities throughout NYC. The MBPO is asking labs to test the wastewater to detect future outbreak like they do in Boston
- Senior centers: it is not clear when they are going to re-open and distribute food
- MBPO will run anti-bias workshops in November

8:46pm **Manuel Belliard (CM ML rep)**: We had our monthly food pantry event and will have another one on November 19th with turkey and other Thanksgiving food giveaway. Call our office at 212-928- 6814 for more information. If you know of anyone that can benefit of this giveaway please forward the number

8:48pm **Orlando Ovalles (AS CDLR rep)**: de La Rosa signed the FURIOUS Act and also co-sponsor the DREAM Act. AM held a press conference about the early voting. Also participate in tenant meeting on 169 street. Partnership for cleaning the plaza. Coming this week there will be Halloween face paining in IHP

8:51pm **Phillip Ellison (PA JW rep)**: The PA push the Mayor to call out the confusion and express the reality that the City is trying to return to in-person learning as COVID cases are rising and had not have the ability to properly source remote learning devices for online learning for all our students. The PA recently released a legislation package guideline for safe opening of small businesses (Intro 2125). A second small

bill that required the Department of Small Business to report the impact of COVID19 on small businesses, this is a data legislation. We are redefining public safety campaign and I will share these with your Chair

8:55pm Juanna Garcia (NYS Senator RJ rep): The Senator was the prime moderator for the Hispanic Federation national event on education. Hosted Randy Wine Garden event that review the COVID19 impact on education. We had a Parks cleanup and food distribution event with St Jude Church. We are working with Uptown Trinity Church planting trees and clean up the area. Tomorrow we have a tenant info season on housing and mobilization on justice. And flu shot van through the month of November starting next Friday and every Tuesday there after. On November 1st we will have an event and will provide information. Legislation: this Thursday we will have a press conference on a bill that expend family leave to accommodate parents who are helping with remote learning. Jackson office communicates with the MTA shut down and the effect on early voting. We communicating with the MTA in regards to the A train shutdown and we request for additional busses to accommodate voters. The polling locations have extended hours this weekend it is now Friday, Saturday, 7am to 5pm and Sunday 7am to 4pm.

8:57pm Kiana Diaz (CM YR rep): there was a hearing at the transportation committee in regards to scooters (intro2061) will mandate the DOT to create guidelines before they can operate ion the City, also to explore the possibility to monitor riders who are not following the guidelines. The MTA will have a hearing tomorrow in support of the federal government providing MTA with federal funds to help mitigate the MTA \$12 billion deficit. There was a hearing on a TLC response to COVID19 and drivers assistance program. On Thursday CM Rodriguez will introduce a bill to suspend monitory liability for parking violations issues to essential employees. The 2nd Bill proposed is to suspend parking meter violations for New Yorkers since the beginning of the pandemic to September 30th. This past week we co-name 166th Street and Audubon Avenue Nasry Michelen Way after Dr Nasry Michelen that was the first Latino and Dominican Dr. to get named executive director of a hospital in New York. We will have another co-naming in November 1st after the founder of AA group uptown on 161st Street and Audubon Ave.

9:01pm Laurie Tobias-Cohen (Congressman AE rep): The center in Irving GA where people who attempted to enter the US, women were subject to unwanted, unconsented, unnecessary, and unexplained gynecological surgeries, sterilization. Congressman AE went to visit and speak directly to these women. The Congressman took the lead on renaming the Audubon post office on 165th street The Normandia Madano Post Office in honor of this woman within the Dominican community. Decades ago, her vision was a driving force behind the Dominican people interaction and involvement in the community in Washington Heights, Inwood the Bronx and beyond. She helped the Dominican people build their own legacy and she forge the efforts to established the Dominican Day Parade.

9:05pm Wendy Loenzetti Divo (AM Alfred Taylor office rep) due to technical difficulties read by Liz Ritter: the AM is going to have a panel about domestic violence with Trisha Philips (ADA) and Indira Castro from the Manhattan Borough Family Justice Center, Maria Lisardo from NIMIC, Stephanie Magoff from All Really Matter, Shenif Gaf from We Are Phenomenal Women on Thursday 6pm. The office will have the flyer to distribute

9:06pm Natalie Espino (MBPO rep): There will be a police form tomorrow night, a flyer will be sent to the District Office for distribution. Please look at the MBPO website there have been 5 CB12 organizations who received the grant for cultural tourism. Arts and culture is thriving even with the shutdown.

Committee reports (resolution items)

9:07pm Traffic &Transportation, Debbie Nabavian, Chair: 181st street 1 train station will be closed for the elevator replacement on December 5th, and 191st street 1 train station will be open on December 1st. First resolution: bike lane and traffic calming proposal related to Riverside Drive. Lane severed on Broadway and Seaman, we propose to have the west side Riverside Drive ford towards the highway entrance in one protected bike lane, not loosing parking and restore the bike connectivity and will address some of the speeding in Riverside. We ask DOT to evaluate the traffic condition and the

proposal. Second resolution: co naming Dyckman and Nagle to be Isaiah Moronta Way after the 13 years old jumped to the water to save his friend's life on March 13, 2020 and drown. The last co-naming resolution is Darryl Cochrane petition to co-naming 169st Street The Heroes Way

9:17pm CB12 members Q&A:

- L. Ritter: asked members to vote in favor of the resolutions and spoke specifically about the DOT study request to amend the bike lane on Dyckman
- S. Simon: First resolution -The first 2 whereas are repetitive. In the proposed bike lane resolution- cyclists may need to zigzag to get to the greenway at the far end of Dyckman. Lastly, the co-naming resolution- which corner of Dyckman and Nagle is going to be renamed? Answer: North west. Co-naming of 169th street The Heroes Way- I'm in support of the resolution but I'm very disappointed that NYP did not provide with the data of how many COVID19 had been treated in its uptown campus in this crisis. This information would have made the resolution much stronger which will give us a clear idea on hoe the hospital handled this emergency and how many patients that lost their lives would saved. It is inexplicable to me why the hospital would have an issue with providing us this information
- D. Jetto: Bike lane resolution- if it were to go along the Riverside it would not necessary connects to the greenway. Isn't a temporary closure on Dyckman? And, how you are going to preserve parking if it is going to be a two-lane bike lane? Answer: cyclists just use the steps regardless. And, the bike lane will be on the far north and then the parking with one lane of traffic, not two lanes.

9:24pm Licensing Committee, Isidro Medina, Chair: We are not voting on agenda items 10 or 11 because they were withdrawn. Agenda item# 7: the closing hour at 7:30pm is not going to escalate to a club or lounge hours. The merchant was already approved by CB12 last October 36/1. With the numerous complaints from residents living in the neighborhood, you as a board member need to decide how to vote. In terms of the proximity to the Church, we do not have the rights to measure door-to-door distance and that is something The SLA is doing. They will not give license to establishments within the 200 ft rule but we cannot measure the distance between entrance doors of the establishment and the church. I understand the issues of public notice that wasn't posted and the concern about double parking. We stipulated that they should have the manager on site phone number publicly displayed incase there are issues to call. For agenda item #8: We saw the petition signed by 200 residents and we took in into account. The issues with items 7 and 8 are similar: noise, parking etc. The police force is cautious about this area, and these issues need to be enforced. It is concerning that this establishment is being very close to a charter school and George Washington High school. Many residents complained about this location but the Committee thought that we should give the establishment a chance and if they are issues residents that come back and complained about the issues. I was hoped that there was public hearing notice display.

9:27pm CB12 members Q&A:

- G. Estrella: I'm not against business but there are establishments that are not for our location and the area is already saturated by noise pollution. It is a concern that the location is close to the schools and it is a public safety issue. It is a residential area and this is a large establishment that does not fit in our neighborhood
- N. Crawford: Speaking about Cloisters Grill, if you look at 7 Hensaw St on Google Map this is the most internal of an internal street that you can get. Think about the acoustics on this residential street. There are plenty of other places where you can go and the sound is more defused in an open streets. When some members of the public were speaking about having a liquor license here, you need to put yourself in their shoes and look again at Google Maps and see what it can sound like. There are already other problems in this area when it comes to noise pollution so we are only going to be adding to it
- O. Kaminer: I don't think we receive the resolutions. K. Diaz answer: it was emailed from Shinelle with the petition yesterday. I. Medina also answer: the correct hours of operation is on the Minutes
- B. Frazier: My concern is the Budda Bar that is right across the street from a retirement community Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORCs) with high concentration of senior citizens. They receive special supportive services, they consider to be a high concentration of fragile seniors who receive visiting nurses every day and minor medical support which keep them in their neighborhood and from leaving to nursing homes or assistant living. They cannot have a club across the street. If they lose

a night sleep that could be a medical emergency. It is cruel to take sleep from residents such as these. When you look at Board Stuck you would have seen that there are numerous complaints about Budda already even before they asked for the full liquor license

- S. Fisher: you said that it is enforcement problem and we have to give businesses a chance, yes it is an enforcement issue according to the residents it is cause. I'm pro business but not when it cause quality of life issues. Second you said that you couldn't take measures but you can consider them. The community did take measures so what about changing the recommendations. Giving that we have a petition there live is just as important as businesses surviving how would you change your recommendations? I. Medina answer: Because enforcement only places on some business. When it comes to quality of life there is no consistent enforcement, and other issues going on the streets are never enforced. So it cannot be the fault of some businesses. I'm not defending them but the many issues we have in our community are not 100% enforced. In terms of flipping the resolution, I want to hear before making a decision from Lio, I want to hear from you about giving business an opportunity: we made a decision about some of the licenses, some of them are small business owners, first time business owners. It's been a tough time for small businesses during COVID. A lot of people need the liquor license to stay afloat to pay the rent. We took the consideration as a group, if a complaint comes specifically to a business, like Budda for example; they said that they were closed for 8 months to a year. So, it could be construction complaints but I cannot specify noise. Also, we put stipulation in place and I don't think it's fair to punish businesses. I still sick to my vote of support Budda. I don't think it's fair to punish businesses especially if they didn't have prior issues
- S. Simon: #6 Crack n' Peel, did they provide with a proof of purchase for sound limiter? I. Medina answer: yes, they all provided a proof of purchase. #12 & 14: they indicated that they are going to have recorded and in one case live music. And they are open at 2am. Especially at this time when people are eating outdoors, these two establishments are located at the bottom of residential buildings. This doesn't seem like a workable situation. And for resolution #12 it say that they will be open Sun-Mon 2pm to 2am is that the hours of operation? How can we limit the music that it doesn't disturb the people living upstairs? I. Medina answer: they seem to play ambient music only. Shouldn't we tell them that they cannot play live music? I. Medina answer: It's only for during COVID, we will not allow to have this type of events
- L. Ritter: I have mixed feelings about Cloisters Grill and I get that it's really hard to run a restaurant without a liquor license. They are trying to run a family restaurant, only play recorded music and they food is good but the street is incredibly narrow, many of the traffic problems created by the restaurant but not only. I encourage you to vote no or to abstain on this resolution. Similarly Budda, I don't think it will be a good addition to the neighborhood given the size of the establishment
- Fe Florimon: #10 and #11 I didn't hear about these items. I. Medina answer: we are not voting on these items since they were withdrawn.
- R. Cruz: we shouldn't judge people without knowing we need to give them the benefit of the doubt. A lot of people are out of work. Why we are not going them the opportunity to reopen earn money so they can pay rent
- T. Bonner: I agree with people that saying that we need to support businesses. The concern is how they go about their business. People are having speakers outside, live performances and that is a concern. Do we need to work with them to change these practices? I would like to see a plan, vision for the community in terms of the type of businesses so we have more of a mix. We keep having clubs on top of clubs and that create imbalance of the type of businesses.
- G. Dengel: I share many of the concerns of residents and board members expressed. On the Committee often many of us are conflicted because what we have going on in our community is a little unfair and disingenuous. We are actually holding business accountable for public safety issues, poor and inconsiderate behavior that permitted by City leadership and community leadership and many in our community just look away from what's going on. So it is a little unfair to hold this businesses accountable for what is being permitted well outside their space. It is a little inconsistency and consistency is really good because it makes people feel good that they are being treated fairly. But we should hold the one accountable for the issues that everybody are talking about. And for the most part,

it's not really the businesses, all the parties leadership, and our community that allowed and tolerated in many ways encouraged by not addressing this type of behavior. That is what keeps people up late at night. People working hard and hiring people to work hard is not keeping people up at night or creating the issues people are talking about

- M. Luna: I agree with Gerard that we need to look at the area where the businesses are located. We see the changes in our community. We don't need to penalize new businesses. There is no factory coming to give employment in our community. It seems that the only opportunity for business in our community is bars in front of churches and schools and no one cares about that. I see all of you patronize all these places that make a lot of noise, and misbehaving and you then come to our board and then complain. We have to take responsibility on what's going on in our community. I look around to see how my vote will count
- Point of order from B. Frazier: To Lio that said that the noise at Buddha Bar maybe construction, look at the BETA NYC, the official registration of NYC complaints, the majority of complaints are #8 Buddha Bar with tens of thousands of noise complaints. J. Berlin corrected Barbara that this is not a point of order.

Roll Call

10:07pm Roll Call: O. Kaminer explained: Licensing resolutions 10 & 11 were withdrawn so we are not voting on these. Three resolutions 2, 3, and 9 are negative resolutions so the resolution itself is a 'no' for that applications.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Resolutions</u>	<u>Vote Tally:</u> <u>Y/N/Abs/NV</u>	<u>Result</u>
A	Traffic & Transportation: Resolution requesting DOT to evaluate bike lane and traffic calming proposal for Riverside Drive from Broadway to Staff Street	41-0-1-0	PASSED
B	Traffic & Transportation: Resolution requesting DOT to Co-Name 168 th Street, bet. Broadway & Ft. Washington Avenue, " Healthcare Heroes Way "	42-0-0-0	PASSED
C	Traffic & Transportation: Resolution requesting DOT to Co-Name the corner of Nagle Avenue & Dyckman Street " Isaiah Moronta Way "	42-0-0-0	PASSED
#1	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: FLK Inc. dba Sushi Mambo – 431 W 202 nd Street (btw 9 th & 10 th Avenues)	40-1-1-0	PASSED
#2	Licensing Committee: Resolution of Objection to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Villas Lounge 2 Corp. dba Villas Lounge 2 – 130-132 Audubon Avenue (at the corner of W 172 nd Street)	41-1-0-0	PASSED
#3	Licensing Committee: Resolution of Objection to the SLA Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Dyckman Billards Café Inc. – 100 Dyckman Street (at the corner of Nagle Avenue)	41-0-0-0	PASSED
#4	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Method of Operation Change of its License to: C.D.B Kitchen & Bar Corp. dba Room 4996 – 4996 Broadway (at the corner of Juan Rodriguez Way)	38-3-1-0	PASSED
#5	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Alteration of its License to: Inwood Hospitality Partners, LLC. Db a Hudson Crab & 'Cue- 348 Dyckman Street (Dyckman Marina)	39-2-0-1*	PASSED
#6	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Crack n' Peel – 126 Nagle Avenue (at the corner of Arden Street)	39-2-1-0	PASSED
#7	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: 7 Henshaw Inc. dba Cloisters Grill – 7 Henshaw Street (btw Riverside Drive & Dyckman Street)	15-23-4-0	FAILED
#8	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Budda Corp. – 1654A Saint Nicholas Avenue (btw W 192 nd & W 193 rd Streets)	9-24-9-0	FAILED
#9	Licensing Committee: Resolution of Objection to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Fuego Tipico Restaurant Corp. – 3856 10 th Avenue (btw W 204 th & W 207 th Streets)	42-0-0-0	PASSED

#10	Licensing Committee: Resolution of to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Mama Taco LLC dba Mama Taco – 5025 Broadway (at the corner of W 215 th Street) <i>Withdrawn at LC meeting</i>	WITHDRAWN	N/A
#11	Licensing Committee: Resolution of 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) <i>Withdrawn at LC meeting</i>	WITHDRAWN	N/A
#12	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: Elegant Club Corp. – 84 Nagle Avenue (btw Ellwood & Sickles Streets)	37-3-2-0	PASSED
#13	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: Ku-Raku New York Inc. – 3952 Broadway (btw W 166 th & W 165 th Streets)	40-1-1-0	PASSED
#14	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: Jade Sushi and Bar Inc. – 1506 Saint Nicholas Avenue (btw W 185 th & W 186 th Streets)	39-1-2-0	PASSED

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

Committee Reports (non-resolution)

- 10:13pm Aging Committee, Mary Anderson, Chair:** We are trying to organize a press conference related to our resolution we passed last month. Refer to the Minutes
- 10:14pm Youth & Education, Fe Florimón, Chair:** At the next Youth & Ed Committee we will have a joint meeting about youth homelessness and mental health with the Housing & Human Services Committee. So far we have six panelists. The NYPD Community Relationship meeting tomorrow is an important meeting about reform. Refer to the Minutes
- 10:16pm Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair:** The committee will be working on street co-naming probably next month. Some local art and culture institutions are open for business with COVID protocol: Dyckman House, Cloisters, The Hispanic Society, and another exhibit is going to open up next month and the Morris-Jumel Mension. There is a meeting this Thursday, October 29th at 3pm on Zoom regarding Bennett Park. Refer to the Minutes
- 10:18pm Business Development Committee, Domingo Estevez, Chair:** We are trying to diversify prospective in the committee. We are sometimes having a restaurant but there are hair salons and barber shops too. We are trying to get prospective from various business and present a resolution that we hope to be able to advise way to salvage a lot of the impact COVID had on businesses in our community.
- 10:20pm Public Safety Committee, Curtis Young, Chair:** Refer to the Minutes
- 10:20pm Housing & Human Services Committee, Ariel Miranda, Chair:** We review budget items more specifically affordable housing, insuring that we are getting funding for food pantries, inspection of residential buildings, affordable housing or services being delivered specifically for LGBTQ youth, senior, and at-risk families.
- 10:22pm Health & Environment, Steve Simon, Chair:** I was surprised that we were able to win the paper challenge and I hope that we can improve our record with recycling residential paper were in the past we were legged behind. We had a presentation from resource navigator at the Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NIMIC). They provide a service in conjunction with the City test and great score program that provide support for people in isolation, people with COVID19 in their homes, hotel-room, or elsewhere and help them obtain food, diapers, and other essential items they may need. They are working 7 days a week, 9am to 9pm so far they have helped 1,500 people about half are from WH and Inwood. We have good news from Isabella Geriatric Center, they have continue not to have anymore COVID cases leading to anyone's death. The Ryan Health Center opened up a new facility on Wadsworth Avenue just south of 181st Street. At this point they are open 5 days a week 9AM to 5PM, hopefully they will expand their hours.
- 10:23pm Land Use Committee, Wayne Benjamin, Chair:** We had a presentation listing the National Register listing of the Ft Washington branch of the NY Public Library. We had an update on the proposed demolition of the 857 Riverside Drive and construction of a new 13 story building. We received a brief on the proposed Dominican Historic District and we went through the budget priority ranking. I refer you to the Minutes for more information about the above. I want to thank the MBPO that took the lead

in drafting a letter to DCP in regards to 857 Riverside Drive outlining the issues that were raised by the Committee and neighborhood residents. The letter was signed by CM Mark Levine, NYS Senator Robert Jackson, AM Al Taylor and our Board Chair.

10:26pm E. Bueno: The nominating Committee will announce the result of the special election of the Assistant Secretary. On November 2nd we will have a meeting with Noel Eildago from BETA NYC , Jonathan, Ebenezer, and Jim. The Chair of the Nominating Committee is Nobles Crawford, committee members: Ashley Fernandez, Robin Cruz, Chris Ventura, Marielle Ali, and Paradise Phoenix.

R. Perez: Thank you everyone for giving me the chance, I'm ready to start the hard work

Election results

<u>Assistant Secretary Special Election</u>	
Darryl Cochran	16
Rosy Perez	27

* 42 CB members signed in at the beginning of GM. Of which, 3 members stated that they are unable to vote at the time of this roll call and were asked to email their vote to Ebenezer.

10:27pm S. Simon: I hope that the resolutions that we send to the SLA will be clear with explanation as to why the resolutions didn't pass. And I hope the resolutions will be re-written. In terms of the Nominating Committee, it is not just looking at attendance to find who qualify for running for an executive position; you should bring your own judgment to that. N. Crawford answer: Thank you Steve, I take democracy very seriously

10:28pm Motion to adjourn: moved by E. Bueno, 2nd by Sara Fisher.

Respectfully submitted: Osi Kaminer, Secretary