

**Community Board 12, Manhattan General Meeting
December 15, 2020 / Online via Zoom**

Board Members Present: Marielle Ali, Richard Allman, Mary Anderson, Wayne Benjamin, James Berlin, Tanya Bonner, Eleazar Bueno, Daryl Cochrane, Nobles Crawford, Gerard Dengel, Katherine Diaz, Domingo Estevez, Gabriela Estrella, Ashley Fernandez, Sally Fisher, Fe Flórimón, Barbara Frazier, Mariela Graham, Juan Guzman, Mariam James, Danielle Jettoo, Leopoldo Jimenez, Yosef Kaminsky, Osi Kaminer, Betty Lehmann, Francisco Lopez, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Isidro Medina, Ariel Miranda, Jonathan Nunez Frometa, Rosy Perez, Paradise Phoenix, Christina Richiez, Bruce Robertson, Edda Santiago, Steve Simon, Omar Tejada, Angel Vasquez, Christopher Ventura, Curtis Young.

Board members Excused: Glennis Aquino-Gil, Maria Luna, Debby Nabavian

Board members Absent: Francisco Alvarez, Robin Cruz, Cindy Matos, Jay Mazur

Staff Present: Ebenezer Smith; Paola Garcia, Shinelle Paniagua

Elected Officials Present: Gale Brower (MBP), Natalie Espino (MBPO), Adele Barlett (MBPO), Robert Jackson (NYS Senator), Matthew D. Levy (NYS Senator RJ Office), Chris Nickell (NYS Senator RJ Office), Johanna Garcia (NYS Senator RJ Office), Laurie Tabias-Cohn (US Congressman Adriano Espillat Office), Mariel De La Cruz (NYC Comptroller Office), Wendy Loenzetti Olivo (NYS AM Alfred Taylor Office), Orlando Ovalles (AM Carmen De La Rosa Office), Manuel Belliard (CM ML Office), Phillip Ellison (Public Advocate Latisha James Office)

Public Present: Lorial Crowder, Jennifer Bristol, Christina Alphonso, Quinten Craig, Nelson Abdino, Cheryl Miller, Katherine O'Sullivan, Shahabuddeen Ally, Carmen Caceres, David Thom, Nancy Preston, Tara Wholley, Julio Batista, Susan Conova, Joe Borrello, Zandra, Bernard Grobman, Cynthia Auburn,

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

6:39pm **Agenda & Minutes:** G. Dengel moved to adopt the December General Meeting (GM) agenda, 2nd by D. Cochrane. All in favor, the Agenda was adopted. E. Bueno move to adopt the November GM Minutes as submitted, G. Estrella 2nd, all in favor.

6:40pm **Parliamentarian Jim Berlin:** present a resolution to amend CB12 bylaw take effect immediately to allow for voting. This resolution need to pass or we cannot vote in this election.

6:42pm Resolution to amend the by-law roll call by N. Crawford*:
Resolution #A Authorizing Ratification of the Assistant Secretary Election on September 2020

#A	Executive Committee: Resolution to ratify bylaws voting amendment	40-0-1-0**	PASSED
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*Secretary O. Kaminer had technical issues, the Assistant Secretary R. Perez was unable to locate the attendance sheet, N. Crawford roll-call the resolution for R. Perez. ** 41 members were in attendance when resolution #A was called for a vote.

6:50pm **Chair's Report, Eleazar Bueno:**

Special presentation from New York Presbyterian Hospital about COVID19: Dr Rafael Lantigua, Sandra Harris, Dr David Ho, and Carla Alvarez presented. Dr Ho is leading the research team of anti-viral compound at the AIDS center at NYP. Dr Ho is researching the AIDS virus for 40 years but since the beginning of 2020 Dr Ho focuses on COVID19 solely. 73 million infections worldwide and 16.5 million cases in the US, and we are adding 225,000 cases and 2,500 deaths a day. The COVID vaccine target the protein outside the virus, the idea is for the immune system will make antivirus and attack the virus. 11 different vaccines are in Phase 3, of which 5 are in final stage. The efficacy of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are very similar, but Pfizer vaccine need to be stored at -70 degree C while Maderna -2-8 degree C. Vaccination will be prioritized and will be given to healthcare and essential workers, then, senior homes. For much of the population, the vaccine will not be available before the end of 2021 beginning of 2022. Much of the population will remain exposed to the virus therefore, social distancing and mask wearing should be followed.

There are a few companies that focus on antibodies treatment, the hope is to use these as treatment by the mid of 2021.

Carla Alvarez presented questions to Dr Ho:

1. Do you think we will be able to eradicate or neutralized the COVID 19 at some point or do you think we will have to vaccinate every year? Answer: I don't know the answer to this question. I think that we will have to wait and see how durable the vaccine. If the duration of the protection is short and boosters will be needed, that may take longer to eradicate. The other issue is the number of people that will take the vaccine particularly in community of colors as vaccinations rate is low in these communities.

2. Will we always need 2 doses for the vaccine? Answer: For these we will need to but for other vaccines coming into the market we will only need one inoculation.

3. Is there a connection between AIDS and COVID19? Answer: these are two different viruses that cause different diseases. But there was a lot of concern since both viruses compromise the immune system.
4. A. Oglivie: If you tested positive for antibody, do you need the vaccine? And, is Bells Palsy is a potential side effect of the Pfizer vaccine? Answer: The current recommendation is that even if you have the antibody, you should get the vaccine. It is not clear that the vaccine cause the disease because the frequency of Bells Palsy is not different from the general population so it's not clear that it can be attributed to the vaccine.
5. D. Cochrane: you mentioned that the efficacy rate of the two vaccines are at 95% , what is the cut-off rate in order to get the vaccine approved? And, are EpiPen users for severe allergies are candidate for the vaccine at this time? Answer: The FDA set the efficacy rate around 50%-60%. In terms of allergies that been issues as a caution. But if one prone to severe allergies you should make the call.
6. S. Simon: where the clinical trials you referred to conducted at the medical center? The antibodies you referred to strange combinations that apparently were recently discovered was that work also was that done any of at the medical center as well? Answer: the medical centers doing vaccine trial but one in particular is the Johnson & Johnson vaccine trial which has not reported the results yet.

7:32pm **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.

Katherine O'Sullivan: I'm a member of Moving Forward Unidos I want to speak about resolutions 7 & 8. When the Restaurant Wine license was granted for this venue, it was called It was called El Posto Roostica. We were supposed to get our seasonal pizza, we didn't, we got a hookah lounge instead. I saw with my own eyes six occasions when hookahs were being smoked on the street, the open streets open restaurants. That is not allowed. They have been the loudest little club on the strip. The extension to their premises that is one of those resolutions, that is a done deal. They already did that without coming to the CB for approval, they did not come to the community board to ask for the extension. They did it and now they're here in front of the Community Board. And, we don't need any more liquor licenses. We have saturation of licenses on that little block. They made plenty of noise and plenty of money with a restaurant wine license, so they don't need an upgrade to an OPL.

Jennifer Bristol: I just want to talk about resolution 13 which I believe wants to serve alcohol or be open 24 hours a day. We have so much alcohol on Dyckman Street, do we really need a 24 hour location to sell alcohol for like 18-20 hours a day. I didn't voice my opinion in the committee because I didn't realize it was happening and I just want the board members to consider the neighborhood and the neighbors, how we're over saturated with bars and restaurants that serve alcohol that do we really need an extra 24 hour place selling that. And what worries me as someone who lives very near to that location is that after many years of coming to meetings, the places on 10th Avenue north of Dyckman Street that are open 24 hours there have always been problems with violence and crime and incidents. So it really worries me to have an after hours drinking spot because that's how it was pretty much described in the meeting. So I just wanted to share that as a local concerned.

David Thom: I want to speak slow to at Amber Charter School who appeared this month that both Youth & Education and the Traffic & Transportation committees to introduce themselves to Inwood. My group Inwood Owners Coalition has also been talking with Amber School since July, but they're moving into the old Sacred Heart of Mary and later Northeastern Academy building on West 215th Street between Park Terrace East and Park Terrace West streets. The committee and the public did a great job they have some really good questions. Unfortunately, most of them went unanswered. Although Amber has a commendable educational program, and although they express a strong willingness to work with everyone to be good neighbors the reality here is there going to be problems because of the sheer size of the plan facility. Amber received a charter from SUNY and a private real estate lease for the site so there's no public input or approval needed. Northeastern leased the site to a developer who has the intent to demolish and redevelop the former Hearst Mansion. The school leased the building to Amber for 49 years. Unlike the prior high schools on the site, Amber will be a K through eight grade. It's more than four times their size with a plan for 923 students. They're doing renovations and will open with 400 students and start with and fall of 2021. Major issues brought up by the community residents of the meetings concerned massive vehicle congestion on the narrow streets, especially as the middle school be fed by their Kingsbridge in East Harlem locations, which is a situation perhaps, similar to Success Academy but on tighter streets. Pedestrian safety is also a concern as some intersections are crossing guards like so much the stop sign. Amber will have a gym but no school-yard and they stated at one of the meetings that they planned use Isham Park for recess and sports. That seems both improper and an issue with maintenance. DOT is aware of the residents concerns with taking a wait and see

approach. I am and many of our neighbors feel that a more proactive approach is going to be needed for all the agencies to mitigate the expected impacts of this new school.

7:41pm **The Nominating Committee, N. Crawford:**

I really want to thank Jim Berlin and Ellie for their support. We all know there's no doubt about this diversity is the spice of life and also what makes living in this community, of CB12 so awesome. We do try to prioritize diversity, at least when I'm the Nominating Committee Chair. That being said though, in this instance, when it comes to diversity there's also an equal criteria and that is; will they do great business for the board. So first and foremost, people need to want to be there and put their neck out to do the work. And again, that's what the Nominating Committee took into the criteria when we came up with the nominating with the nominees. With that I do still want to give a minute for Isidro to speak, considering that he has been term limited for this year, but has been extremely supportive in the way that we've conducted this nomination.

I. Medina: I am very grateful for the work that everyone has put in. CB members have to be given the opportunity so they can also be part of this process. I believe in diversity, not only your gender, race, but also your opinion. Regardless of how we feel one another as soon as we are given the time to listen to our concerns. I think that that's the almost respect that we serve as the community. For that reason, I look forward and supporting the new leadership however, diversified that might be. Thank you all for your work, Nobles, and it was a pleasure serving ma a second Vice President of this Board. Thank you so much.

N. Crawford: Since our last GM we had a few withdraws: L. Ritter withdrew her name from the 2nd Vice Chair nomination, and the second was from Sally Fisher withdrawing from the race of Assistant Secretary.

Voting rules: There is no anonymous vote when it comes to Community Board aligns with the New York State's Transparency Act, what was Open Meetings Law. Voting will be conducted tonight via Survey Monkey link that you will receive via email after the roll call. We sent out an email confirmation on Friday but only 30 members responded and we didn't hear from 15 members. During the 20 minutes of voting process you will be given, we will still be conducting board business during this 20-minute process while the nominating committee is in a breakout zoom tallying the votes, getting the results. The results will be ready at the end of the meeting. Please feel free to raise your hand for any issues and the first vice chair or the chair will recognize you. You can text your voting to the person that reached out to you if you cannot do that on line or have other technical difficulties. You can also vote verbally at the meeting.

Each nominee will have 1-minute to make their case and after that, each candidate will have 3 questions to answer as well.

Assistant Secretary position nominee, R. Perez:

I'm excited to take on this position as soon as I am elected; I guess I've been doing it for the past month. It has been exciting. As I mentioned before, and I've had a lot of qualifications being a secretary, so I am happy to be an assistant secretary. I'm also looking forward to providing as much support to the secretary as needed.

N. Crawford: please give some examples of work that you've done on CB12 either minutes taken resolutions written etc.

R. Perez: I have been in the licensing committee I've ran minutes for a couple of months there. I've also have written the minutes for the executive committee. I mean, I've already been an assistant secretary

N. Crawford: understanding the roles and responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary position and what they bring to the position and how they will work to ensure board operations and the delivery of services to the entire community of a district, what is your approach to executing the role of assistant secretary?

R. Perez: I'm pretty good at writing minutes, I tend to transcribe the Minutes, more than anything, and I like to be very specific on what has been said and I try my best to include others as well.

N. Crawford: please give specific example of work both within the board and outside the community in ways that sought to empower all members of the board and the community, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity in any other social demographic?

R. Perez: I've always been involved in different organizations that are diverse and are very inclusive to people from different backgrounds and I do not tolerate anything that goes against that.

Secretary position nominee, O. Kaminer:

I did not expect to be a secretary when Liz decided not to fulfill that obligation anymore and I jumped in and I have to say it's a little easier than doing the licensing minutes. You have to listen to the tape to make sure that what you got is really what it is. For those of you who knows me, I did the licensing minutes from October 2016 until February of 2020 and I think it was the best minutes ever written for that committee.

N. Crawford: please give some examples of work that you've done on CB12 that is prepared you to continue your secretary position.

O. Kaminer: I was the Assistant Secretary for maybe 10 months and I took that position because really, nobody else did. For some time, we didn't have Assistant Secretary and I think it's really very unfortunate. I think that members should consider --and thank you, Rosie for doing that -- because it's really important to look at attendance, you look at the make sure the Minutes are correct and everything is according to the recording.

N. Crawford: Understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the position what they bring to the position and how you work to ensure the board operations and the delivery of services. The things that you do, how will you, how will you confirm that you will perform to the best of your ability, in a position of Secretary?

O. Kaminer: Keeping the record straight. Make sure that what was said at the meeting is what's in the Minutes and nothing else not using interpretation, that's very, very important.

N. Crawford: Please give specific examples and ways in which you've advocated and actively work towards diversity, equity inclusion. Both within the board and the outside community in ways that sought to empower all members of the board in the community, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or any other social demographic?

O. Kaminer: One of the thing that I clearly remember from licensing, is every once in a while, committee members, commented about the food for renewal applications. How the food was good or bad or what type of food that was. However, if the food is bad or good, it's a personal taste should not be discussed and brought into the conversation within the licensing committee. Sometimes it could be a diversity issue because some people like or dislike specific type of food and it's nothing to do with what the applicant came for. Other than that, I'm working with building Superintendents and getting their cats spay/neuter and it's very interesting and challenging at the same time, I'm working with translators that speak Arabic and Spanish because I don't, we're working for the same goal, to get the problem of cats overpopulation solved.

Treasurer position nominee, O. Tejada:

I want to first thank the Board for even giving me the opportunity to run for treasurer. Management of public finance has been majority of my career. I am the Director of Finance budget administration working directly with the CFO to the CFO team at the Department of Education and oversee 13 billion in grant and revenue sources. So my biggest draw here is really that I'm all about transparency and how we use funding, making sure that it goes to the right direction, that it's being used for the intended uses so that's kind of like the lens that I bring to this position, and I hope that I can provide some of the background that I've had in my public service to this other layer of public service.

N. Crawford: please give some examples of work that you've done on CB12 that is prepared you to the treasurer position?

O. Tejada: for the last year being Assistant Chair for the Traffic & Transportation and I have a lot of respect for our secretary role because I've been the note taker for the last year for our board and ensuring that we actively accurately reflect everything that takes place in those discussions as well as kind of being a right hand to Debbie in terms of giving equal voice and equal time to everybody who might want to have a point that they want to say. And, ensuring that just because somebody speaks louder doesn't mean that they get the opportunity to take over the floor because we have to give time to those voices that sometimes aren't as loud as everyone else's to speak. So that's kind of also been my role in ensuring that everyone has equal footing in our committee.

N. Crawford: What are some things that you personally bring to the role of the treasurer to help the role benefit the entire community once elected?

O. Tejada: I think it's transparency, it's taking the baton from our former Treasurer Gerard who started putting this in play and wanting to provide a monthly reporting on finances. That's something that I do in my day job and I take that extremely serious so my first call to order is going to be to sit down with Office management and really figure out how can we get this report actually up and running, because we haven't seen it and it seems to be a disconnect between what's happening in office and how the board gets to see that information. So I hope that I'm able to carry that torch forward and bring that type of level of transparency to reality.

N. Crawford: Please give specific examples and ways in which you've advocated and actively work towards diversity, equity inclusion both within the board and the outside community in ways that sought to empower all members of the board in our community, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or any other social demographic?

O. Tejada: I'm all about giving everyone equal opportunity to voice their concerns. I don't appreciate when somebody tries to overrule somebody else, for whatever reason that may be because everyone's opinion is valid, regardless of the opinion that it may be we might not agree with it, but it's a valid opinion. We have that freedom of speech and as an assistant chair in Traffic & Transportation, ensuring that that actually occurs. Outside of the board I've been a part of an organization called I Challenged Myself and which we teach high school students how to set a goal, how to ride a bike and how to set a goal of achieving a 100-mile bike ride. It teaches skills, it teaches in creativity and it's empowering moment, and it doesn't matter what their background is, anyone can do this and it's the life skills and the lessons that are our want to say I'm transported to each one.

Second Vice Chair, nominees, T. Bonner & F. Lopez:

T. Bonner: Good evening, Manhattan Community Board 12 and those from the community we serve, who are with us in this virtual meeting. When I first applied for the community board back in 2017 I was asked what community issues I would want to work on or address if I were to be appointed to the board. One of the things I wrote about was my desire to address the divisions I had noticed in the community along racial and ethnic lines. Since moving here in 2005 I had noticed the disconnect and the segregation from each other, the resentments, and the tensions. It is way past time with that we bring the community together the entire lovely and opinionated motley crew of citizens who love the community who wants to be here. And who wants to see this community, not just survive, but also prosper and thrive. And this bringing together also includes this community board as we are charged representing the entire community at large. This is why I sought out and incorporated diverse input into the inclusion resolution that I presented to you all last February for a vote. As they say, change begins at home. It is also why I have worked hard on the Business Development Committee on projects such as the recent small business of resolution and proclamation to ensure we embrace and support all of our small business owners in the community. It is important that we embody this ideal of diversity and inclusion in our board leadership as well. It is important that we look at the leadership configuration over the years and see where we have fallen short of inclusion. Over the last three years I have offered myself number of times where we sit on the board and one on one conversation with top leadership and was denied. It is important that we welcomed with open arms. Those whose demonstrate the skill to lead, who have put the work and who are ready, willing and able to do so. This board can only grow when it truly reflects the diversity of ideas and people that make up all of our community. And also only when we have top leadership that embraces those ideals. Now in words and not only at the time of wanting to be elected, but an action 24 x 7 x 365. And my dedicated work and stepping up to leadership on the board on this issue and beyond over the years, speaks better than anything I can say to you today. I ask that we think about the type of board and community we want to see one year from now, five years from now and beyond. Do we want to bore that represents all of our community? Do we want a board that stands for inclusion? Do we want a board that stands for empowering these who demonstrate leadership through their actual record on this board? and stepping up to leadership? Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

F. Lopez: I'm really honored to even be in this position I wasn't really thinking about it, but something kind of came over me. I'm all about leadership and there's no other way to do it rather than talking about it, it's about the actions. I was born and raised in this community, 40 years strong hopefully another 40 years maybe 45 through God's grace. Because of that, I take it, I take this community and what goes on to this in this community personally. Besides the moment in time where I ventured off into other states and countries but Washington Heights Inwood is really all I know. So much so that when I decided to become an entrepreneur, I wanted to do it for my community, and I developed something called the Uptown Film Festival, which is basically my way of bringing the Food and Wine Festival uptown. People from all over the tri-state area can come in and witness different cultures, because we have a very much diverse community. And I think everyone should be represented equally, and I'm using the festival as a vessel for my charitable work, which is helping the hospitality. I think we all can agree that we can get better when hospitality and the restaurant business. We had issues, and I saw those issues and I spoke to people who are affected by those issues before I joined the Board. I've developed that festival to use for that purpose. I want to help the bartenders, I want to help the hostess, I want to help them manage to understand what it is to give good customer service. I joined CB12 about two-three years ago and I'm so happy to be here. There's so many characters so many wonderful people from different parts of the country different age groups and we just

getting to know each other and that's another point I want to make. I really want to get to know people have been in this group for a while. I really want to get to know you. Really appreciate his time that I've been given.

N. Crawford: Tanya, please give examples of your work that you've done on that is prepared you for the position of second Vice Chair.

T. Bonner: when I came in in 2018 I hit the ground running. I was on a nominating committee in my first year on the board. And I also have worked on putting together many special at any many special events. I organize the Small Business Town Hall, which brought in business owners to learn about the protections that could be offered if that Act would to pass. I also was the leader on bringing us the census as a partner with us, I wrote the resolution that made us a partner with the census and organize an event where that allow people to sign up to get jobs with the census of at WordUp and also at the cloth Technology Center. I've been assistant chair on business development since January and over that time writing all of the resolutions that have come out of that committee in the last three years. So I've really stepped up and tried to take leadership and make sure that we're bringing diverse voices of our community into the conversation.

F. Lopez: I helped Domingo reaching out to 200 businesses; this is one of my strengths, the relation I have with the community with different types of businesses. A lot of them don't know that there are resources to help them.

N. Crawford: Understanding of the roles and responsibilities of position. What is it that you will personally bring to the position of second vice chair and the executive board that will benefit the operation of the board and also the entire community as a whole?

T. Bonner: I already shown the skills in terms of bringing in many partners and working with the Board to expand outreach and continue to work with our community. We need to better reach and engage with our community to be transparent with our board and community.

F. Lopez: My goal is to be the best assistant to the 1st VC and the Chair and also engaging with our community. We need to get the youth involved. I'm on social media everyday letting them know that they should get involved in the Board work.

N. Crawford: please give specific examples of ways in which you've advocated and actively work towards diversity, equity, and inclusion, both within the board and the outside community In ways that sought to empower all members of the board in the community, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, and or social demographic

T. Bonner: I was the leader of the Inclusion Resolution that was passed last February. The resolution is holding us, members, accountable, making sure everybody's voices are included and that we are empowering members to contribute to the board work. If I'm elected I'll make sure that the resolutions is being honored.

F. Lopez: Outside the Board I had a mixologist competition where many men bartenders participate but I was able to get many women and the winner was a woman from Washington Heights. I'm all about inclusion and diversity and equality for all genders.

N. Crawford: can any other board members say they are familiar with the work that you've done on this board?

F. Lopez: Yes. I reached out with people in the business.

T. Bonner: Yes. I have been in the center of many important conversations.

N. Crawford: what do you hope to accomplish a second vice chair and why are those goals important for the advancement of the board and for the better representation on behalf of the community?

F. Lopez: It is very important to be a strong advocate for the 1st Vice Chair and the Chair helping them out. I'm all about the community from 156th street all the way right before the Bronx.

T. Bonner: we should all work as a team to better engage with our community. I think that this is a an opportunity to define the role since it is not.

First Vice Chair nominee, K. Diaz:

Shout out to everyone on the call. When people flock to us to get information and we share information with over 200,000 residents. We came together and we had record participation, both from members and also from residents we've passed some really critical resolutions. This was my first year on the executive committee and it was also my first year as vice chair. I was really committed to running more effective meetings and I'm really proud to have supported in maintaining or strong run of show and keeping our meetings to three hours or less.

N. Crawford: please give examples of work that you've done on CB 12 that is prepared you to have a second term as the first vice chair.

K. Diaz: I've been on the board for about four years and the first two months that we met as a board I spent about 10 hours a week, one full day at the office learning the office work. Also, observing different meetings

and finding ways that we can improve and then the pandemic hit. One of the things I also did learn really well and was supportive was around our procurement and particularly during the times of COVID.

N. Crawford: understand the roles and responsibilities of the position. What will you personally bring to the position of second vice chair that you think will allow you to operate it on a very high level?

K. Diaz: Working with the Chair and the office we have an opportunity to improve our meetings, have an interpreter for example, and Zoom launch some new features that will allow us to have simultaneous translation and multi lingual calls. So I'm interested in these areas in terms of access to our meetings. We had record attendance and it's a matter of how do we get back to those residents and let them know we're actually here monthly. I'm looking forward to work with the Chair and the office on surveys

N. Crawford: please give specific examples of ways in which you've advocated and actively work towards diverse diversity, equity, and inclusion both within the board and the outside community in ways that sought to empower all members of the board in the community, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or any other social demographic.

K. Diaz: In my personal life working with folks who are isolated the most; substance users for folks who may not know me, I have 12 plus years in the nonprofit sector. And I've been really privileged to work particularly in designing, what was the first LGBTQ drop-in program here in Washington Heights. On the Board, language access is really important to me and I think the virtual sphere actually has allowed us to bring in residents who normally don't even know what the Board is doing.

Chairmanship nominee, E. Bueno

I want to speak about the accomplishments we, as a Board achieved this year; we were the first community board to go virtually every one of their committee meetings. The paper challenge award thanks to the MBPO. and thank you Natalie that was instrumental and coordinated our website launching the food pantries partnerships that we had around the community. Thank you for the invite to be at the Dyckman Housing and Marble Hill projects to be there every Tuesday for six months distributing food to our community. COVID19 public hearing in February, the new board member orientation, the virtual election and simultaneous translation in our general in licensing meetings and the new partnership to get laptops and tablets for CB members that had access issues like Mary Anderson and others. And in soon to be partnership with a Elianza Dominica, in which our typical resources will be used to teach remote learning classes.

N. Crawford: please give examples of the work that you've done on CB12 that is prepared you for a second term as the chair of the board.

E. Bueno: experience. Realizing that you can do good while doing good. Realizing that you know that whatever relationship with you've been able to build outside of the community board when you bring them in. You could have much more success that if we were trying to be a lone ranger. The team of people that I've been working with on including yourself Catherine and each and every one of You. Curtis have make this an extremely, extremely experience for me at this level. So the work that we've been able to do as a whole is incredible.

N. Crawford: understanding the roles and responsibilities of the chair of the board what do you bring personally to that particular position to be able to let that position operate at its at its best.

E. Bueno: equal levelness in in a calm demeanor realizing that you're not always going to agree with everyone. However, that has to be a space that you have to create sort those disagreements can be discuss in a logical and civil way that that you may encounter personal attacks, pushback, on some of the ideas that you may have. No Matter how hard you try the work that you want to do on your vision and the community as a whole is what really matters that personal agendas have to be put into side.

N. Crawford: Please give specific examples of ways in which you've advocated and actively works towards diversity, equity, and inclusion, both within the board and outside community in ways that sought to empower all members of the board in the community, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or any other social demographic

E. Bueno: I left the Dominican Republic In 1988 I lived in Puerto Rico, where I was a minority. I lived in Orlando, Florida was where I was a minority. I lived in Washington, Maryland, Harlem and Riverdale and I was always a minority. I am a product of diversity, equity, I'm a product of a person that has been given

opportunities throughout its life. And when I first joined the board gave me an opportunity to join on The aging committee Thursday's 1030 and I was felt some sort of way. When I first joined it but then I realized that there's still opportunity to grow and I'm part of opportunities, and I believe that diversity is what makes us a unique Board. I'm very proud of the work that has been done and it makes our community as strong as it is.

8:45pm **Election roll call**

Election attendance prior to voting	46-0-0**
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** 46 members were in attendance when the election was called for a vote.

8:50pm Nomination Committee Chair, N. Crawford, go over election procedure

9:10pm **Government Officials Report**

Wendy Lorenzetti Olivo (AM Alfred Taylor office): Thank you so much for such an important presentation by the New York Presbyterian Hospital on COVID19. And, thank you so much, CB12 nominees for putting your own time into volunteer work in your community.

Orlando Ovalles (AM Carmen De La Rosa office): Wishing you all luck in the CB12 election and thank you for the New York Presbyterian presentation. The AM has been working on the workers bill that she has in their sound on the assembly that we're working with Senator Ramos to create momentum around this bill. Also working on Elder Pro bill. We have participated in the Public Safety Committee meeting and we are working very closely with the Chair, Curtis Young, around issues that effect black and brown communities. Governor Cuomo signed the protective course bill earlier today, after it was sitting on his desk for a couple of months. We are co-hosting a mass incarceration town hall this Thursday at 6:30pm. On Thanksgiving we have provided 700 turkeys to families in the district and we partnered with organization and provided produce as well. We would like to express our solidarity with small businesses; we know how much they are hurt during this economic downtime.

Chris Nickell (NYS Senator Jackson office): we had two encore flu shot drives this month, building on our success in November and at these events we distributed over 1,000 masks and several gallons of hand sanitizer along with information about the nearby COVID19 testing sites. we've spent dozens of hours in the field distributing masks and hand sanitizer along with our colleagues over the past few weeks. I especially want to shout out to the Borough President and the Assemblyman for organizing several of those events and we're all fighting to keep cases down in New York City right now. We've also participated in some food drops and we have another few coming up. Two weeks ago the Senator held an episode of represent NYC on the Manhattan neighborhood network in memory of our 106th Mayor David Dinkins. Our Chief of Staff Joanna Garcia and myself have built a community children's library with our mutual aid volunteer Robin Aronson next to the community fridge at Arden and Broadway. We're also rolling out a tutoring program in the following weeks, please email me Chris@SenatorJackson.com Tomorrow we're going to be starting a toy drive with a partner in Inwood Merchants Association and the Washington Heights BID the toys will go to Dyckman Houses and you can drop off toys through Monday, December 21 at several locations: Compton Associated, Starbucks on Dyckman, and Inwood Group of Little Ways on Broadway and Cumming St. We're hoping to pass a real eviction moratorium in the coming days and the senator actually sent a letter to Governor Cuomo last week, calling on him to release the changes. He wants to make to the rent Relief Program immediately so that we can move the remaining \$60 million in that program to assist tenants who are struggling right now. he's continuing to lead the charge to raise revenues at the state level, both in this legislative session at the end of it, and in the one that begins in January. If you have any further questions about that.

Manuel Belliard (CM Mark Levine office): this Thursday weather permitting, we'll be having our monthly food pantry in collaboration with WSCAH (West Side Campaign Against Hunger) that'll start at 10:30am and it usually runs until noon at our district office 500 West 140th Street. We are also going to have self-testing for COVID19 that day.

Gail Brewer, Manhattan Borough President: I have to say I think Nobles is the coolest Nomination Committee Chair I've ever seen. Congratulation for CB12, we're all working on COVID19 waiting for this vaccine. We sent a letter to all of the health providers in Upper Manhattan, asking for help with testing. The Ryan Health Center stepped up, they're a wonderful new addition to the community and they're going to do testing which they had not done before. Secondly, I think Dr Compton, as you know, is a rock star when he was on the committee, he did 100 tests at his location. We now have seven staff members who were trained in micro-testing and so we're going to be doing it thought upper Manhattan. Aldrin Bonila is no longer the Deputy Borough President but he is number 2 with the funds of the City of New York, he has

grants for artists, particularly artist of color so upper Manhattan artists should apply. We have \$15 million available for technology devices but there is no tracking system in place. There is a recoding studio for high school students. And Urban Farming programing is available too.

Laurie Tobias-Cohen (Congressman AE rep): There hopefully be another round of paycheck protection, with \$300 billion allocated for the Small Business Administration. There would be a lot more emphasis on businesses with no more than 10 employees and some of the very difficult restrictions on the previous PPP programs, whereby, You had to use a certain percentage for staff and only other thing would was rent or. Now you can use monies in a in a more general way. It is under bipartisan discussion which is positive and what's going to happen is if it goes through. There will probably be some more monies for individuals as well as well as possibly extensions of unemployment. There have been some changes to tax law that will impact people filing their taxes. We have created an exhaustive list recently and every entry has been vetted of food, pantries and soup kitchens in Washington Heights and in would it is with the leadership of the Community Board. CM spoke about the legacy of Mayor David Dinkins from the floor of the Chamber.

Mariel De La Cruz (Comptroller Scott Stringer Office): thank you all who completed the survey, we were able to use that information to write up a report to have some suggestions I will change in the future, including Making CUNY a space that works more with us that with people that have lost their jobs during the pandemic, who are low income which they do a great job now but kind of being a little creative about that. Investing and full time faculty for CUNY also with local businesses as well. Having an opportunity for career and technical education, and other ideas which are on our website. We shared our information about that minority and women owned business report; the city received a 'C' grade for that. We want to make sure the City move forward with diversity aspects to ensure that small businesses have an opportunity to grow and during the pandemic.

Committee reports (resolution items)

9:30pm **Licensing Committee, Isidro Medina, Chair:** Item number 7 and 8 was a corporate change and John Espinal is taking over 60% of shares. By NY State regulations are supposed to let the community know. There was also an application for expansion. The maximum capacity there will be 74, it will not extend beyond 74 because now otherwise they'll have to require a different permit. They have an informed SLA about this process and they submit the application with the community board first. Agenda item #10 there was question weather or not the applicant advice the Dyckman Houses of the application. Residents from the Dyckman Houses did not attend the meeting. The question about noise emitting from the establishment is a question, the Committee considered the hours of operation, which is up to 2am. They will have soundproofing and sound limiter. We request a phone number to be posted for residents to call with any complaints they may have. For agenda items 11 and 12, there were questions about ownership, both locations run by the same owner. Agenda item 13, we requested that the owner sell alcohol until midnight during weekday, and extended hours for the weekends but not 24 x 7 as requested by the applicant since it is illegal.

Questions by CB members:

W. Benjamin: item 8, someone at the Public Season mentioned that they've already done that. But are they asking for permission to serve liquor in the expanded space? Answer: yes

S. Simon: where is the expanded space, what, do did they take over? Answer: they take over 40 sq ft adjacent to the existing establishment.

S. Simon: how does a restaurant, get a hookah license? I thought you're only entitled to have hookah if that's if that's a large source of revenue for you, regular restaurants can have such a license. Answer: there was an application in process for the hookah license and they had to prove that the establishment income is 50% of the revenues or greater to receive a hookah license.

S. Simon: there is inconsistency in respect to three of the applications; number 3, 4, and 7, indicate that there have been no 3-1-1 complaints put in parentheses, it says, after the word 'none' that in each case there were 3 or 11 calls. Are the numbers correct? Answer: for #3 it's a typo, for #4 it should be 5 3-1-1 calls, for #7, 11 3-1-1 calls is the right number of calls

L. Ritter: In regards to #10 on the agenda Power 202 LLC dba Space Three, they didn't seem to do any outreach to NYCHA, Am I missing something about that? Answer: we don't know if they outreach Dyckman Houses. L. Ritter: so I just want to say that personally, I plan to vote against this. And I would encourage other people to vote against it as well. Just because I think anybody who's opening up any kind of potentially noise generating establishment in that area has a responsibility to reach out to the people of the community. I feel they didn't do their due diligence. I think it's profoundly disrespectful to the people who live in NYCHA that they didn't bother to reach out to that community

which pretty traditionally has had some issues and has taken the opportunity to work with bar owners on establishments that are near the document houses.

M. James: the applicant did not reach out to any residents of the Dyckman Houses.

O. Kaminer: Items #8, they actually completed the addition in June and only now coming to the community board to tell us that they complete the addition and now they need the license for the extension. And in terms of # 10, three years ago there was some issues with that venue. So I urge other fellow community board members to vote against number 7,8, and 10.

9:42pm Nominating Committee, N. Crawford

We received all 46 votes, by end of week the election results will be available but for the time being tonight the folks that have met the majority to have positions on our 2021 executive board:

Rosie Perez, Assistant Secretary 46 votes

Osi Kaminer Secretary 45 votes

Omar Tajeda, Treasurer 45 votes

Tanya Bonner, Second Vice Chair 32 votes, Francesco Lopez, Second Vice Chair 13 votes

Katherine Diaz, First Vice Chair 45 votes

Eleazar Bueno, Chair, 42 votes

Committee Reports (non-resolution items)

9:44pm Land Use Committee, Wayne Benjamin, Chair: We had two presentations on an effort that the historic Districts Council is undertaking to expand the services they were providing in the Bronx to engage communities that have traditionally not been involved in preservation and historic designation. The second presentation by the Department of City Planning on a zoning for coastal flooding resiliency. On that second presentation in January, the Land Use Committee will be considering a resolution about the zoning text amendment that was released in October 19. They contacted the Office and myself in late November to present that zoning text amendment at our December meeting with the deadline for all comments being the 28th of December. We told them that the timeline is much too tight therefore we can have a resolution in January meeting and present it to the Executive Committee to consider. We were told that we're not the only community board that has raised an issue with the timeline and that the chair of City Planning will in fact be taking comments beyond the December 28 deadline. I'm just putting it on the record because in other instances where the Executive Committee had to act on behalf of the Board because of timing issues like this some board members who have thought there was a lack of transparency. Typically there is not a lack of transparency, we've run into exactly what we've run into here where we get late notice from a city agency and the timeframe is too tight to go through the normal process.

9:46pm Concern of the Aging, Mary Anderson, Chair: AM Carmen De La Rosa will be presenting two bills that she's sponsoring that affect the aging and we'll also be talking about mental health legislation and initiatives at our January meeting.

9:47pm Parks and Cultural Affairs, Liz Ritter, Chair: we had a ribbon cutting of the sunken playground at Highbridge park on Tuesday, which is part of the Anchor Parks Initiative. There is an eagle watch on in Inwood Hill Park on Saturday at 9am meet up with urban park rangers at Dyckman and. We had a hard conversation about the legacy of racism in James Gordon Bennett and how best to Deal with renaming should we rename Bennett Park, if so, what should we rename Bennett Park and there was just an incredible public conversation with people. We'll be looking to Come to some kind of consensus, maybe January, maybe February, we've got some research to do with the Linux based center and some other organizations.

9:49pm Housing & Human Services Committee, Ariel Miranda, Chair: We were discussing two issues that fall really under the purview of the Department of Homeless Services. One being the use of the public space at the Ft Washington Armory, as well as the 3966 10th Ave siting for homeless shelter. We wanted to work with one of our partners GDS who had been asking questions about the shelter site. The sites usage at the Fort Washington Armory, as well as getting in contact and partnering with DHS that is already in purchasing process. BRC will be operating this potential site and they are looking to engage with a conversation with CB12 as the site as they come to understand that this is the former burial ground of enslaved people. Last month, I was a bit taken aback when having discussed the presentation of resolution that would support giving resources to many families that are both within this community as well across the city specifically vouchers. I think that we did not have a productive conversation in which we essentially have words being exchanged so as to other many of the families that are in need of services. And so you know when talking about diversity and opinion of thought. This was this matter that struck a chord with me. I tried to be very vocal about this with the community and the committee that I specifically was a child that was evicted from

my household Was on public welfare benefits in the 90s when there was a stringent theory going for saying there is a quote on quote welfare queen, that was racist. And it goes along with a long history of problems that are focused on essentially other and specifically black and brown people When we're saying that we disagree with directions of how we want to address problems.

9:53pm **Youth & Education Committee, Fe Florimon, Chair:** Amber school announcing the third branch in WH/Inwood on 215 street in 2021. We also had an organization that was announcing for those inclined to learn music. In January 11 we going to have a representative from the Mayor office coming over creating a ticket saucer football in the field of PS1 87. Crawford, I must tell you that I'm very impress at how you handled the board that you acted a very consistent, you know, we consistency, very professional.

9:57pm **Public Safety Committee, Curtis Young, Chair:** car theft is on the rise, please do not leave your cars running while you're going to do your shopping because car theft is up. Burglaries also are up is the holiday season, if you have packages being delivered the precinct has advised us to have them delivered to your neighbors or your neighbors to look out for them or schedule deliveries when you are home. The second issue we talked about is fire hydrants, and also firework mitigation plan a joint resolution with the Health & Environment Committee January meeting. We also discussed priority for 2021, in January, we plan on reimagining public safety public meeting. We are also looking to tackle issues of mental health as well as gun trafficking and find ways to collaborate with the Business Committee on marijuana legalization. I'm also looking to work with the Chairs of the Youth & Education, Housing Committee and Health & Environment Committee. D. Jettoo: we had a presentation from the Katal Center for Equity Health and Justice, and they talked about the Less is More campaign, which is aimed at keeping people out of jail who are on parole. So it's specifically addressing technical violations with a goal of again keeping those folks out of jail and reinvesting the money that would be saved from keeping those folks out of jail in communities. And so we have a resolution, but the thinking we wanted to wait until we have specific data about the number of people on parole in our community.

9:43pm **Health & Environment Committee, Steve Simon, Chair:** we probably had the greatest number of COVID19 cases in our community last week, 418 and all of our zip codes are between 5% and 6% positivity rate, which is way above the general rule of thumb of not going over 3%. Zip Codes 34 actually improved over where was a couple of weeks ago with some positivity rate came down, but the number of people who were found to be positive actually went up. There were 126 people in zip code 33, 83 people in zip code 34, 130 people in their zip code 32, and 79 people in the zip code 40. The city has got three testing sites in our community two of them are operating seven days a week. One of them is at the Highbridge pool at Amsterdam Avenue and 173rd Street, its open 9am to 7pm. La Clinica America on 175 Nagel Avenue and Dyckman Street is open Monday to Saturday 9am to 3:30 Sunday from 9am to 1pm and the health department has a Site which is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm on 600 West 168th Street and Broadway, you need an appointment to go to that location. I urge anybody who has not been tested to go ahead and get tested. It's important to know your actual status, since we this virus. It turns out you can be asymptomatic, and you could be a spreading it without knowing, I think we should show an example for other people in our community and we should all get tested. The Corner Project made a presentation about its plan to set out trailers covering Amsterdam Avenue between 176th & 177th streets in an effort to try to reestablish it's a presence and provide it's a services in our community again. Eleazar suggested that that should be a topic of a public hearing I suggest that to the Corner Project but they are now holding off on the application about their plan.

10:03pm **Business Development Committee, Domingo Estevez, Chair:** Refer to the Minutes.

10:04pm **Roll Call**

Item #	Resolutions	Vote Tally: Y/N/Abs/NV	Result
#1	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: <u>The Monkey Room Inc. dba Monkey Room – 589 Fort Washington Avenue, Store 1 (at the corner of W 187th Street)</u>	42-0-1-0	PASSED
#2	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: <u>187 Restaurant Corp. dba Refried Beans Mexican Grill – 591 Fort Washington Avenue (at the corner of W 187th Street)</u>	42-0-1-0	PASSED
#3	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: <u>La Nueva Potencia Corp. dba Zoe Restaurant Bar & Lounge – 1559 Saint Nicholas Avenue (at the corner of W 188th Street)</u>	42-0-1-0	PASSED
#4	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: <u>Sol's Restaurant Inc. dba Il Sole Restaurant- 229-</u>	42-0-1-0	PASSED

	233 Dyckman Street (at the corner of Seaman Avenue)		
#5	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the TLC Renewal of its Livery Car Base License to: GDS Transportation Corp dba Upper Car Service – 2400 Amsterdam Avenue (at the corner of W 179 th Street)	42-0-1-0	PASSED
#6	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Class Change to: Japp Business Inc. dba Pick & Eat- 4179 Broadway (at the corner of W 177 th Street) from Restaurant Wine to OPL	39-2-2-0	PASSED
#7	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Corporate Change of IL Post Trattoria Rustica Corp. dba Café Tabu – 227 Dyckman Street (btw Seaman Avenue & Broadway)	26-16-1-0	PASSED
#8	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Alteration of its License to: IL Post Trattoria Rustica Corp. dba Café Tabu – 227 Dyckman Street (btw Seaman Avenue & Broadway)	26-16-1-0	PASSED
#9	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Alteration of its License to: El Jefe Eatery Group Inc. dba El Jefe – 186 Dyckman Street (btw Sherman Avenue & Broadway) Addition of another space to fit 74 persons. Withdrawn prior to the meeting	WITHDREWN	WITHDRAWN
#10	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New On-Premises Liquor License to: Hudson Fulton Corp. dba Indian Road Café – 600 W 218 th Street (at the corner of W 218 th Street) Power 202 LLC – 3775 10th Avenue, Space 3 (at the corner of W 203 rd Street)	17-23-6-0	FAILED
#11	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New Restaurant Wine License to: JW Lemsmark Corp. dba Serrano Salsa – 4979 Broadway (at the corner of Isham Street)	42-0-1-0	PASSED
#12	Licensing Committee: Resolution of No Objection to the SLA New restaurant Wine License to: JW Lemsmark Corp. dba Grandpa’s Brick Oven Pizza – 4973 Broadway (at the corner of Isham Street)	43-0-0-0	PASSED
#13	Licensing Committee: –Resolution of No Objection to the SLA Restaurant Wine License to: La Base Sports Grill Inc. dba El Conuco Restaurant- 65 Sherman Avenue	34-5-4-0	PASSED

43 members were in attendance when resolutions were voted on

- 10:19pm E. Beuno: this is our last meeting of the year and I want to give I. Medina and G. Dengel say a few words.
I. Medina: I’m really proud of the work that this Community Board has produced. It’s has been a challenge but I’m sure that we will overcome the obstacles. Stay safe.
N. Crawford: In the tally for the 45 I've got to add Jay Mazur that voted on the floor. So just add one to the tally I recorded, but there are 46 votes in the documents you will see in the office, there will be 46 votes.
N. Espino: thank you for all for your service you’re all very special to me. Thank you for all of you who stepped forward to run for office, congratulations to those who won, as always, my office, you know, has your back. Let us know what you need and please be safe.

New Business

None

10:24pm **Motion to adjourn:** moved by E. Bueno, 2nd by W. Benjamin.

Respectfully submitted: Osi Kaminer, Secretary