

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

November 20, 2017
Executive Committee
MINUTES

Board Members Present: S. Ally (Chair); R. Lewis (1st Vice Chair); E. Lorris Ritter (Secretary & Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs); B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); M. Anderson (Chair, Aging Committee); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use; Fe Florimon, (Chair, Youth & Education); S. Simon (Chair, (Health & Environment); R. Allman, (Chair, LGBT and By-Laws Task Forces)

Other Board Members Present: Gerard Dengel; Osi Kaminer, (Asst. Chair, Licensing)

Absent: Y Alonzo, (Chair, Traffic & Transportation); J. Reyes (Treasurer& Chair, Business Development)

Excused: I. Medina, Chair, Licensing Committee; A. Ogilvie, Chair, Housing & Human Services

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Others in Attendance: Clifford Elkind, Community Resident; Bernadette Elkind, Community Resident

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair, Shah Ally.

Chair's Report: First Vice Chair Richard Lewis reported the following:

- The next General Meeting will take place on Dec 19th at 530 West 66th Street – 2nd floor beginning at 6:30 pm. The January General Meeting will take place on January 23rd.
- The aftermath of the Inwood Nagle Avenue fire will be taken up by the Public Safety and Business Development Committees.
- At a recent job fair at the GWB Terminal, Marshall's hired right on the spot.
- He attended a street co-naming in honor of Jay Max Bond.

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

- He will be on vacation from November 24th until December 11th.
- The NYFD will be at the November General meeting.
- The matter of a merit increase was brought up and will be discussed at a later time.
- A treasurer's report will be needed in advance of further discussion.
- "Board in your Building" meeting was held on November 15th at 1815 Riverside Drive. Four CB 12 members attended. The meeting was well received other sites were suggested for future meetings.
- Translation services at CB 12 meetings were discussed. It was agreed that CB 12 would explore the possibility of asking for volunteers.

Richard Lewis – Temporary Safety Net at GW Bridge

- Discussion about the aesthetics of planned 11-foot steel bar fence planned fence. It has been discussed at the Traffic & Transportation and Health & Environment Committees.
- Executive Committee decided to consider a Resolution in support of a need to reconsider the design.

- Motion to consider – made by Liz Ritter; seconded by Richard Lewis.
- Vote: Unanimous. 0 = No 0 = Abstain
- Richard Lewis will write the Resolution which will be presented at the General Meeting.

Secretary’s Report: Liz Ritter indicated the following:

- Letters to ten CB 12 members who have missed too many meetings have gone out.
- A discussion followed on when someone would be sufficiently absent to be removed from CB 12.
- There are twenty-four CB 12 members eligible to seek office. There are six offices for the
- Executive Committee and the following individuals have expressed interest:

Chair	Shah Ally
Asst. Chair	Richard Lewis
2 nd Vice Chair	Isidro Medina
Treasurer	Jason Compton
Secretary	Mitch Glenn
Asst. Secy.	Betty Lehmann
- Others may be nominated from the floor at the next General Meetings. Each will have two minutes to address the assembly regarding their desire for office.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee – Chair Wayne Benjamin reported the following:

- The Committee passed a Resolution requesting DCP to revise zoning to protect sunlight on rooftops.
- The next Committee meeting may take place at 1 Center Street if the planned training is not rescheduled.

Licensing Committee: Asst. Chair, Osi Kaminer, reported the following:

- There were eighteen items on the agenda. Six were withdrawn; four were renewals; five were new applications and three were for alteration.
- There was a discussion about getting an advance copy of the current license for those applying or license renewals.
- There was a discussion about “Boxers” that had been misidentified as the only gay bar in northern Manhattan.
- The Manhattan Borough President’s office held a borough wide meeting on liquor licenses. Osi Kaminer, Gerard Dengel, and Shah Ally attended. SLA Chair Bradley said that the SLA:
 - will investigate complaints and apply fines as appropriate
 - will attend local Liquor License Committee meetings if invited.
 - suggests that Community Boards consider having renewals be automatic unless there is a problem.

Traffic and Transportation Committee – No report at this time.

Parks & Cultural Affairs –Chair, Liz Ritter, reported the following:

- Asst. Chair Mitch Glenn chaired the meeting. There were no Resolutions passed.
- The topic of a dog run at Bennett Park will be discussed at the next meeting.

Business Development Committee – No report at this time.

Public Safety: Chair, Richard Lewis, reported the following:

- The 33rd and 34th Precincts presented Comp Stat reports. Overall crime is down, but larceny and car thefts are up.

Committee for the Concerns of the Aging – Chair, Mary Anderson, reported the following:

- Dr. Mari Mallory attended and made a presentation about the new grant CUMC has to benefit community seniors.
- The committee will be meeting at senior centers in coming months, beginning with ARC XVI Senior Center in January.
- Mary Anderson will represent CB 12 at an upcoming Alzheimer's Conference.

Youth & Education Committee Chair, Fe Florimon reported the following:

- Denise Williams, Deputy Commissioner of Youth & Community Development came to the meeting to present the priorities of the department.
- Fe spoke about a 15 minute video that will be shown at GW High School on November 29th. Liz Ritter suggested that Fe write a promo about the film and suggest feedback.

Health and Environment Committee: Chair, Steve Simon, reported the following:

- There was a presentation by START, a treatment and recovery center that has been in our community for many years and that is relocating to a new location that will enable it to double the number of those who are treated.
- Caterina Rivera of Grow NYC indicated that they are conducting a survey of community gardens within the district.
- The latest cleanliness results for the district indicate a 90% cleanliness for streets and 96% cleanliness for sidewalks.
- The Committee will work with Richard Lewis on the Resolution concerning the aesthetics of the GW Bridge fence.

General Discussion:

- It is important to take into account the time frames related to the Scope of Work for the Inwood Rezoning Project. The certification of ULURP is set for January. The sixty day notice for a response begins sixty days after the certification date.

New business:

Liz Ritter announced that the Corner Project is hosting a fund raiser on December 9th and encourages all to attend. This group works to rid the parks of needles and help drug addicts.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:15 pm.

Wayne Benjamin made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Gerard Dengel.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann
Assistant Secretary
December 14, 2017