

**Community Board 12, Manhattan
General Meeting Minutes -- February 24, 2004**

Members Present:

Mason Almeida	Luis Facundo
Jacqueline Aristy	Beatrice Hall
James Berlin	Joyce F. Holland
Aidee Camacho	Mark Levine
Kotie Cannon	Elizabeth Lorris Ritter
Emilia G. Cardona	Glenda Swanson Massa
Martin Collins	Jay D. Mazur
Mireya Cruz	Pamela Palanque North
Sybil R. Dodson	Julio Peguero
Rafael Escano	

Members Absent:

Rafael Beaumont
Walther G. Delgado
Jose Lopez
Kirk Miller
Cleofis C. Sarete
Gloria Vanterpool

Members Excused:

Anita Barberis
Wayne Benjamin
Peter Ferrara
Maria Luna
Helen Monk
Msgr. Gerald Walsh

MEETING OPENED at 7:24pm, absent a quorum.

OPENING REMARKS: Zead Ramadan, Chair, explained the importance of meeting in various venues throughout CB12 to represent and reach out to all of the neighborhoods of Washington Heights & Inwood.

7:25pm DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Gregoria Feliciano reported on two significant meetings in the past month:

1. Fifteen livery cab companies and the Taxi & Limousine Commission regarding enforcement and various regulations. There will be a workshop for Washington Heights and Inwood livery drivers based on materials that TLC provides to medallion cab drivers. Will be bilingual, morning and evening sessions. Also, will be changing Taxi Stand signs to allow liveries to park in areas heretofore reserved for medallion cabs.
2. Met with United States Postal Service Managers and Regional Manager to improve services at Post Offices located in CB12.

Additionally Ms. Feliciano reported on the following:

1. Both the 33rd and 34th Police Precincts' Commanding Officers were promoted to Deputy Inspectors. Announced that seven "Impact Zones" have been identified in CB12, and more manpower has been deployed to areas where high drug and/or criminal activity exist.
2. "Adopt a Basket" program with the Sanitation Department. Adopter of a corner basket commits to lining the basket with green bags supplied by DSNY, removing the bag once it is ¾-full and placing it on the curb for the Sanitation truck to pick up. Anyone interested should call 212- 567-4600.
3. Noted complaint log in Board Members' packets.

7:36pm ADOPTION OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Homer Young-Kennedy III to adopt agenda; seconded by Julio Rodriguez; no objection. Motion by Homer Young-Kennedy III to approve minutes of 12/16/03 general meeting; seconded by Sandra Wachpress; no objection; Motion by Homer Young-Kennedy III to approve minutes of 1/ 8/04 special meeting; seconded by Dago Suarez; no objection.

7:39 CHAIR'S REPORT: Zead Ramadan

- Manhattan Borough President's Office statement of borough needs is available; contains many useful statistics valuable for future planning efforts.
- Ceremony Friday, February 27, 2004 at 11am for co-naming West 180th Street @ St. Nicholas Avenue, "Riayan Tejada Way", after a fallen soldier in the war in Iraq 4/11/03.
- Ongoing discussions with Columbia University re: ULURP for Audubon IV. We have reached almost full agreement, though some points remain under discussion.
- Thanks to MBPO, Councilman Miguel Martinez, CB12's Traffic & Transportation Committee, and various businesses and organizations for their ongoing efforts to mitigate traffic issues on West 181st Street. Important to involve all stakeholders.
- January 21st Economic Development Corporation workshop re: Sherman Creek was very well attended (over 200 people), which really gave the community a voice in planning process.
- Inviting the Chair of Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone (UMEZ) to address at the March 23rd General Meeting. Spoke about tourism and the need to (literally) put Washington Heights & Inwood on the tourism maps.
- Also met with elected officials and HRA regarding the need to improve services and sensitivity at the Dyckman Job/Income Support Center.
- Street Activity Guidelines: please review proposed draft revisions, and respond with comments by next week (3/2). Permit applicants must be accountable and responsible.

PRESENTATIONS:

8pm Jonathan Mintz, Deputy Commissioner, & Alba Pico, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) re: nightlife in NYC and a preliminary proposal to change cabaret laws: DCA is looking to rewrite current cabaret laws which are outmoded because they address dancing, rather than noise, sanitation and safety issues that really are the problem. Who should be licensed? DCA is looking at "large, late and loud" clubs, specifically ones in residential areas with capacity of 75 or more or in commercial areas with 200 occupancy that are open until 1am (or later) and that generate noise of more than 90 decibels in the club. Proposed new regulations would require that any club seeking to play music in

that the club is open, and that clubs provide specific ratios of security guards to patrons; and would impose new requirements on clearing sidewalks as well. There will be a business-friendly transition period to help make it work.

Q: What if they are small and loud?

A: Trying to narrow focus on something that has a chance to pass. And, most of the noise is coming from the larger clubs of 75 or more.

Q: Why 90 decibels?

A: Any louder than that, then you would have to shout to hear me talk to you in the same room.

Q: What about the smaller clubs, which do not have cabaret license but are allowed?

A: Cannot regulate clubs that are illegal. That is an issue for FDNY and NYPD.

Q: What are implementation and enforcement mechanisms?

A: There will be investigators with technical training.

Q: Anti-smoking measures helped to put some of the noise and garbage in front of bars and clubs.

A: Our goal is to regulate that which the businesses can do something about.

The Deputy Commissioner also said he would try to include the State Liquor Authority in DCA's licensing process, to the extent that the SLA would heed DCA's recommendations.

8:16pm Gary Hotko, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member and web designer, re: CERT web site: CERT educates regular citizens in emergency response techniques. Have developed web sites: <http://www.garyhotko.com> and <http://www.cb12cert.cjb.net> with valuable information on emergency response. Linked to Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and other CERTs around the country. Soon to be added are moderated forums with CERT members and additional translated materials.

Dr. Pamela Palanque North described the CERT training course including Red Cross, FDNY, NYPD, FEMA, Mayor's Office and OEM. Dago Suarez presented certificates from CB12 to agencies' trainees and instructors: Max Green, Deborah Shelton and Gabriel Most, OEM; EMT James Grill and firefighters Kevin Shea, Sean Cummings, Chris Dowd and John Ceriello, FDNY; Lts. William Croak, Robert Imboraroni, Bill Reddan and JJ Scotch, Sgt. Clifton Chin, Det. Lynda Marmara, and Officers Carl Calderone and Tony Cruz, NYPD.

Also presented awards to: Helen Morik & Julio Batista, NYPH; Jeffrey Socol, Ernest McNamee and Paula Baumser, YU; Gary Hotko, CERT Web Designer; Miguel Reyes, CB12; Peter Yi, PJ's Wine & Liquor; Mike Martin, Martin Brothers Wine; Zead Ramadan, X Caffé; Peter Walsh & David Hunt, Coogan's Restaurant; Mike Fitelson, Manhattan Times; and Dr. Pamela Palanque North. This program is an exemplary instance of volunteerism and community service, not only by community residents who volunteered, but also the Agency staff who put in long hours in addition to their regular jobs to make the CERT program a success.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Patrick Dowes, Elizabeth Ewell, Green Keepers - Goddard/ Riverside: A social purpose business, providing sanitation and horticulture services in commercial and residential areas.

George Espinal, Friends of Payson Avenue: Announced upcoming fire safety education event; will be distributing smoke- and CO-detectors.

Peter Walsh, Coogan's Restaurant: Salsa, Shamrocks & Blues 5k Race on March 7th. There will be lots of new musical acts along the race route and a good time for all. This race is about introducing children to run – the competition helps children do better in school and become better citizens

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS: <interrupted Public Session>

Assemblyman Adriano Espaillat:

- Thank you for bringing the CB12 general meeting to Inwood.
- Described ongoing legislative efforts to comply with the court-mandated funding for education pursuant to Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) case. Education strongly correlated to crime; 75% of all incarcerated come from 17 Assembly Districts (including the 72nd).
- Minimum wage bill to increase to \$7.17, up from \$5.15, which is below federal poverty level. Has passed before, but the Governor did not support it.
- Preferred drug list legislation can limit access to prescription drugs by Medicaid patients
- Working on several local quality-of-life efforts. Commended J. Reynolds, who created Bruce's Garden in honor of his son, fallen on 9/11.

Councilman Miguel Martinez:

- Department of Education added two new schools to capital plan, though they will not be built until '08 or '09. Plans to pressure Department of Education and SCA to get the schools built sooner.
- Criticized pricing patterns at Duane Reade for prescription drugs.
- Asked for input on budget priorities.

In response to questions, Mr. Martinez noted that the area needs support for Summer Youth Employment Programs; that there is progress in finding a new home for Gregorio Luperon High School, including a meeting scheduled with local elected officials; and that he supported and sponsored the Lead Bill, but was unable to actually vote on the override of the Mayor's veto as an emergency prohibited his attendance that day.

Mr. Espallat continued discussion regarding finding a home for Luperon High School; relocating to George Washington High School is not an option.

Councilman Robert Jackson:

- CFE update: considering organizing challenge to upstate legislators who still block "fair share" funding. We owe it to our children and cannot wait any longer. Also cited correlation between failure of education and incarceration of youth. This is the #1 issue facing State and City.
- Challenged the Black and PR/Latino Caucus: must "come home with the bacon."

Councilman William Perkins:

- Spoke about passage of Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act by the City Council, and thanked CB12 for its support.
- With regards to public education, spoke out against loss of access by parents to educational system with the loss of Community School Boards. Now parents will rely more than ever on Community Boards and their Education Committees to fill this role.
- Budget negotiations will be starting soon; Mayor has released preliminary budget and there will be cuts. Important for citizens to keep leadership informed as to district needs and priorities.
- On a more personal level, Councilman Perkins spoke about his experience with colon cancer and the need for colonoscopy and early screening. (The Councilman is a cancer survivor.) There is a high rate of mortality from colon cancer. Men should not be afraid of this procedure, which can save their lives. Announced upcoming events in March for cancer awareness.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC SESSION:

Joe Wojak, Community Resident: Spoke in opposition of the Karen Boat Café, which is applying for a liquor license. Location has a bad track record and applicants have received summonses in connection with a previous establishment, which is now closed due to violations.

Jackie Parrot, Community Resident: Spoke in support of adding a Greenmarket location in Inwood. Has contacted Greenmarket people and there is an interest to scout out a location. Invited to the next Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee.

Angie Wojak, Community resident: Spoke in support of the Seaman-Drake Arch. It is in total disrepair, but she would like for it to be landmarked. Also invited to the next Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee

Michael Alvarez, NYPL: spoke about Mayor's preliminary budget, which calls for 5% cut and an additional cut from the State. This \$1.3 million combined cut translates into 4-day service for 1/3 of the branches. Responding to a question, he vowed to look into overcrowding at Inwood branch's computers.

Aaron Friedman, Transportation Alternatives: Spoke in support of resolution banning car alarms. Cited various startling statistics on the negative effect of noise on hearing, health and quality of life.

Deputy Inspector Jason Wilcox, 33rd Precinct: Supportive and understanding of liveries; also mindful of public safety issues of some unsafe practices. Combination of education and enforcement has been effective. Impact Zones – additional coverage of certain "hot spots" within the community through targeted overtime funding.

Joseline Minaya, Manhattan DA's Office: new liaison. Described DA's youth intern program for 15-17 year olds; 6-week program includes stipend.

Jane Jackson, NY Restoration Project: Introduced series of monthly nature walks throughout Washington Heights and Inwood www.nyrp.org or (212) 333-2552 for details on these programs and upcoming festivals, including "Try On Fort Tryon" on 4/17.

Melrose Corley, Red Cross: Distributed literature on emergency preparedness and community outreach programs for children. www.nyredcross.org

Carlos Rodriguez, Manhattan Borough President's Office:

- Extended well wishes to Ivy Fairchild on her recent illness.
- Manhattan Borough President hearing regarding Mayor's & Chancellor's policy to hold back 3rd graders who fail 3rd grade test.
- Gregorio Luperon High School – DOE has proposed two sites, but both are unacceptable to parents at the school.
- This is his last meeting – is moving to another position in MBPO.

Roxanne Dodds, Manhattan Borough President's Office: will be temporary liaison to Community Board until replacement for Carlos is hired. Working on renewals and appointments for board members. Congratulations to CERT; exceeded OEM expectations for this program.

RESOLUTIONS:

Executive Committee: (Presented by Secretary Elizabeth Lorris Ritter)

Resolution Re: Removal of Board Members Nelson Castro & Juan Sanchez: 28-0-2-0

Housing & Human Services Committee: Beatrice Hall, Chair

Resolution Re: Calling upon the State to Streamline Rent Regulations System: 29-1-0-0

Aging Committee: Glenda Swanson Massa, Chair

Resolution Re: Meals-On-Wheels: Passed Unanimously (30 votes)

Health & Environment Committee: Steve Simon, Chair

Resolution Re: Banning Car Alarms - Joint resolution with Traffic & Transportation: 27-1-2-0

Traffic & Transportation Committee : Aidee Camacho, Chair

Resolution Re: Support of the 10th Avenue Project: Passed Unanimously (29 votes and 1 not voting due to conflict)

By-laws Task Force: Rafael Beaumont, Chair

Resolution, as amended on the floor, Re: Amending Article 5.00, Removal of Appointed Members: 27-1-1-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Committee for the Aging – 03/09/04**
 - Presentation by Linda Whitaker, Assistant Commissioner of Operations, DFTA
 - Presentation by Detective Billy Hughes, 34th Police Precinct re: identity theft
2. **Economic Development Committee – 03/02/04**

Uptown Arts Stroll will be held on June 12 and 13. Sherman Creek EDC/ DEP report in 6 weeks; announced upcoming meeting on commercial revitalization and traffic & transportation. Joint Traffic & Transportation, Economic Development and Public Safety Committee will hold more meetings re: Traffic on West 18th Street. Meeting at the Russ Berrie Medical Pavilion, 1150 St. Nicholas Avenue @ W. 168th Street.

 - Review Business License Applications
 - Informational Meeting: Re: Next Uptown Arts Stroll – Tuesday, March 9, 2004 @ 6:00pm
3. **Executive Committee – 03/09/04:** Agenda to be determined
4. **Health & Environment Committee – 03/08/04:** Agenda to be determined
5. **Housing & Human Services Committee – 03/01/04**
 - Presentation by Michelle Macklin, Director of Manhattan Anti-Abandonment Division, H.P.D.
RE: HPD's outreach to owners of vacant buildings
 - Joint meeting with Community Planning Task Force & Land Use Committee on 03/03/04
Presentation by John W. Lavin, Director, Office of Community Partnerships, H.P.D.
Re: Mayor's 5-year housing initiative: New Housing Marketplace
6. **Land Use Committee (Joint meeting with Community Planning Task Force & Housing Committee) – 03/03/04**
 - Review Short / Long Range Objectives
 - Presentation by John W. Lavin, Director, HPD Office of Community Partnerships, re: Mayor's 5-year housing initiative
7. **Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee – 03/02/04**
 - Agenda to be determined
 - Informational Meeting: Re: Next Uptown Arts Stroll – Tuesday, March 9, 2004 @ 6:00pm
8. **Public Safety Committee – 03/03/04**
 - Presentation by Rachana Pathak, Outreach Coordinator, Civilian Complaint Review Board
 - Follow-up on community fire safety and other issues
9. **Traffic & Transportation Committee – 03/01/04**
 - Presentation by Louise Fincher, Greater File Chapel Baptist Church
Re: Co-Naming W. 155th Street & Amsterdam Avenue "Jasper Simmons Way"
 - Cross Harbor Freight Movement Project
10. **Youth & Education Committee – 03/01/04**
 - Presentation by Scott Simpson, Scoutmaster for Troop #729
Re: Hendrik Hudson Troops Association
 - Presentation by Fort Washington Collegiate Church Youth Group
 - Presentation by representative of SCORE, an educational center to help children of all levels reach their educational potential
 - Update on finding space for Gregorio Luperon High School
11. **Community Planning Task Force (Joint, w/ Land Use & Housing Committees) – 03/03/04:** Review Short / Long Range Objectives
12. **By-laws Committee – 03/18/04:** Continued discussion on proposed By-laws changes

ADJOURNMENT: 11pm

Respectfully submitted by: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2004

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Beatrice Hall, Chair	Julio Rodriguez	Martin Collins
Barbara Smith Ramos	Steve Simon(excused)	
Jacqueline Aristy	Mireya Cruz	

Deborah Blow, Community Associate

GUESTS

Luis Soler, Director, Manhattan Community Operations-NYCHA, Carla Redix, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:25pm by Beatrice Hall (Chairperson).

Mr. Luis Soler, Director for Manhattan Community Operations-NYCHA. Mr. Soler's job only deals with NYCHA'S & DFTA partnership as it relates to Senior Centers. He had no information about NYCHA expanding role with HRA, ACS & DHS.

Mr. Soler stated that NYCHA was able to save 105 Senior Centers (citywide) that are located in NYCHA properties by paying DFTA \$29.4 million dollars annually thru 2007.

DFTA will continue all procurement and oversight of contractors as before. All contractors will be paid by DFTA as before, but DFTA must provide NYCHA with invoices and access to books or other records that are required.

DFTA will complete capital projects that were in construction prior to 7/1/03 and NYCHA will be responsible for capital funding in DFTA budget that started after 7/1/03.

NYCHA continues to assume general landlord duties such as providing space, heat, hot & cold water, extermination services and other maintenance. Q. Will these landlord services tasks be done on timely fashion? ANS. Yes

Q. Has NYCA corrected the repairs at 99 Ft. Washington (senior center)? There were a number of repairs on the first floor that needed to be done. ANS. I don't know but I can get the answer for the committee.

Q. Has NYCHA given any thought to building any senior citizen housing? ANS. There's some discussions going on between HPD, Dept. of Finance and NYCHA to construct some housing for seniors on NYCHA present sites. Q. Do NYCHA have any youth programs? ANS. Yes, there's twenty youth centers citywide. The Dyckman housing complex has a youth center. Q. Is there any money in NYCHA budget to help maintain the vehicles? Ans. No

B. Hall and Martin Collins gave an overview of the 1/29/04, meeting with HRA in reference to the Dyckman Center. HRA is scheduled to appear at our April 5, 2004, meeting to update the committee as to any progress and/or changes that they have enacted.

The committee has agreed to invite Michelle Macklin and Victor Hernandez from HPD to be our guest once again to bring us up to date on the vacant housing and vacant lots in CB12.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted: Beatrice Hall

LAND USE COMMITTEE MINUTES –FEBRUARY 4, 2004

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst Chair
Rose Santo
Martin Collins
Peter Farrara

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Rodriguez
Nelson Castro
Walther G. Delgado(excused)
Jay Mazur

BOARD MEMBERS

Sybil R. Dodson

Zead Ramadan, Chair
Deborah Blow, Community Associate

GUESTS

Charles P. Rainford, Resident, Edwin Marshall-Dept of City Planning

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.
2. The minutes of the January 12, 2003 Land Use Committee meeting were approved (Moved: R. Santos, Seconded: A. Barberis, Vote: 5-0-0).
3. Committee Member Peter Ferrara who serves as Director of Communications & Public Affairs for Yeshiva University ("YU" or "Yeshiva") provided an update on recent demolition activities undertaken by YU at Washington Terrace at the request of the Committee. Mr. Ferrara advised that Yeshiva has owned approximately four of the properties on Washington Terrace for a number of years and that said properties fell into disrepair and were placed on FDNY's "Do Not Enter" list. The cost estimates received by Yeshiva for the necessary repairs were in excess of \$1 million. Therefore, a decision was made to demolish rather than repair the properties. Mr. Ferrara also advised that to the best of his knowledge YU has no current plans to redevelop the site. Charles Rainford, a community resident who resides at Washington Terrace indicated that he believes YU owns and/or demolished 10, not four, properties and is suspicious of Yeshiva's intentions. Mr. Rainford also indicated that the YU demolished the Washington Terrace buildings without providing any notice to the residents in neighboring buildings that demolition activities were to take place. Committee members questioned if this complied with Building Department requirements and requested Mr. Ferrara assist the Committee in identifying the appropriate person at YU to invite to a future meeting to begin a more formal dialogue concerning Yeshiva's ongoing activities in the areas of planning, growth, construction, etc.
4. Committee Chair Wayne Benjamin noted that at the January 2004 Planning Task force meeting it was suggested that the Task Force members attend the February Land Use meeting so that they could be at hand for the presentation to be made by Edwin Marshall, City Planning concerning the Audubon Avenue Study (Mr. Marshall, Ethel Sheffer and graduate students from Columbia made a similar presentation at the December 2003 Executive Committee meeting). However, a reminder did not go out to the Task Force members and so with the exception of Mr. Benjamin and Martin Collins no members of the Task Force are present. It was proposed that in March 2004 a formal joint meeting of Land Use and the Planning Task Force be scheduled to brainstorm about potential planning goals and objectives that CB12-M might have with regard to specific or area-wide rezoning.

5. Committee members Martin Collins and Anita Barberis provided their comments and insights on the January 31, 2004 Sherman Creek Workshop. It was noted that close to 200 community residential participated in the workshop, similar issues were raised by various of the morning study groups which focused on areas of interest such as housing, transportation, economic development, waterfront, open space, recreation and community/civic facilities and that there was a lot of cross pollination of ideas between the study groups. It was also generally felt that the afternoon session could have been better facilitated, focusing all participants, not just the members of the Planning work group, on synthesizing the work of the morning session and drafting a mission statement for the Sherman Creek project.
6. Edwin Marshall, Department of City Planning made a presentation on the Audubon Avenue/ Amsterdam Avenue Study. The display boards presented by Mr. Marshall summarized existing land use and ground floor uses along Audubon and Amsterdam Avenues. Mr. Marshall indicated that more refined and updated maps/display boards are being prepared and that they, in addition to more complete demographic data, will be provided to CB 12 M. With regard to prospective rezoning to reconcile land use with zoning, it was indicated that Amsterdam Avenue is more straightforward in that it presently has fairly continuous ground floor commercial activity from 168th Street to 178th Street, although this is not permitted by current zoning, and that a continuous commercial zoning overlay would seem to make sense. However, commercial activity along Audubon Avenue is not continuous and therefore a continuous commercial zoning overlay might be out of character with the street and encourage inappropriate uses. Further study and discussion is required. It was generally agreed that the boundaries of the study area should be refined to include the mid-blocks between Audubon and Amsterdam and that the western boundary should be moved to St. Nicholas Avenue to create a more complete study area and add context to Amsterdam and Audubon Avenues. Other issues that CB 12 M may want / need to consider in its Audubon and Amsterdam Avenue study, as well as area-wide, include contextual zoning and historic preservation (it was noted that if Washington Terrace, a site of interesting and unique character, was landmarked it would be reviewed more carefully with respect to any proposed demolition. Mr. Marshall suggested that CB 12-M forward correspondence to Amanda Burden in her capacity as the Director of the Department of City Planning (as opposed to her role as Chair of the City Planning Commission) with a copy to Vishaan Chakrabarti, Director of the Manhattan Planning Office advising of our interest in pursuing rezoning and requesting support (staff, resources, etc.) from City Planning.
7. Committee Member Martin Collins reported on concerns of residents 17 Fort George Hill pertaining to garbage and other nuisances resulting from a nearby Food Trailer and Tire Shop. Residents also attended the December 16, 2003 General Meeting to register similar complaints. It was recommended that the District Manager be charged with following up on this matter and reporting back to the Committee with details on the scope of the problem and possible corrective actions.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by Wayne A. Benjamin.

YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 2, 2004

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandra Wachspress, Chair
Milagros Vicente
Mark Levine
Emilia Cardona
Jose Lopez

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Cleofis C. Sarete, A. Chair (excused)
Maria Luna (excused)
Elouise Whitehurst

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Cardona
Judith Rodriguez
Michael Alvarez

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bienvenido Toribio
Dr. Pamela Palanque North
Joyce F. Holland

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Blow, Community Associate

GUESTS

Siegfried Holzer, Community School Board District #6, Warner Urube, ACDP Choices & Community Beacon, Susan Sippelle, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism.

Meeting convened at 7:30pm.

Opening Remarks:

Sandra Wachspress, Chair

Updates:

Sandra Wachspress: Gave update on Gregorio Luperon High School. The school was offered 2 floors in Thurgood Marshall Academy on 135th Street and 7th Avenue, but this location was turned down by the parent body. They have now been offered a floor at George Washington High School Educational Campus and are considering that offer. Sandra will continue to update the committee.

Emilia Cardona: Felt this location was not in the best interests of the students. If Gregorio Luperon High School accepts to move into the George Washington High School Educational Campus, it will lose its identity.

Presentations:

Dr. Pamela Palanque North and members of the Public Safety Committee would like to join with Youth & Education Committee to sponsor a one-day seminar on gang violence in our community. Some of the members of the Public Safety Committee had attended an event sponsored by the "Valley" on gang issues – their clothing, colors, codes and lively discussion ensued with comments by all those present.

Dr. North: We need to be educated.

Joyce Holland: Continued that gangs provide a support system for its members when parents don't provide this support.

Dr. North: Gangs exist when the community is weak and not vigilant – for example removal of graffiti.

Debra Cardona: It's important for the youth officers to reevaluate their role in the community.

Dr. North: This seminar should involve schools, parents, educators to build a program.

Benny Toribio: Would like to see youth leaders involved in this seminar.

Emilia Cardona: Suggested coordinating with regional guidance person and involve the Children's Aid Society.

Siegfried Holzer of School Board #6, Region #10: Highlighted certain areas that are experiencing gang problems. I.S. #52 is having problems during dismissal. I.S. #218 is also having problems with gangs. George Washington High School

Educational Campus has a pre-school housed in portables on their campus and there is reason for concern especially with the 34th Precinct being undermanned.

Milagros Vicente: Some of these groups have applied for funds, however she is aware of a professor applying for grant money to study gangs. There will be a special meeting next week to plan the seminar. Planning Gang violence meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2004.

Library: Has materials on gang violence and all libraries have 2 guards.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Milagros Vicente.

**JOINT TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION/ HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2004**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Aidee Camacho, Chair
Dago Suarez
James Berlin
Anita Barberis
Joyce F. Holland
Steve Simon, Chair (H&E)
Helen Morik (H&E)
Beatrice Hall (H&E)
Sybil R. Dodson (H&E)
Barbara Smith Ramos (H&E)

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bienvenido Toribio
Martin Collins

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Basilia Gomez

Zead Ramadan, Chair

Gregoria Feliciano, District Manager

Deorah Blow, Community Assistant

GUESTS

Robert M. Durando, Gen. Mgr, Bob Fox, Prg Mgr.-Painting Program, Sandra Dixon, Govt Community Relations, Theresa Tesler-Port Authority GWB, Paul Schwabacher, VP, Facilities, Santo Saglimbeni, Director-Facilities Management & Engineering, Oscar Marcos, Michael Cabanlit, Project Manager-New York Presbyterian Hospital, Louise Fincher-Greater File Chapel Baptist Church, Joe Wojak, Owen Roth, Grant McNeown, Angie -Inwood Neighbors, Clifton Hill, Ass't Director-Project Renewal, Lara Weitzman, Susan Berlin, Aaron Friedman, Phyllis Smizaski-Residents, Edith Prentiss-WHICOA, Jenny Torres-Dept. of Transportation, Bill Marchand-Columbia University Medical Center, John Kinney- Inwood Patrol, Julio Batista-NYPH

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Aidee Camacho opened meeting at 7:15PM

The first item on our agenda was the adoption of a resolution banning audible car alarms. Covering this resolution was Ralph Pensa with his Channel 4 TV camera crew, as he's planning a program concerning this issue later this month.

Steve Simon read the entire resolution, which stated that not only are audible car alarms an unbearable disturbance, but such alarms show "no overall reduction in theft losses." There are other affordable and effective silent devices available to car owners to protect their vehicles, so we urged support of Intro 115 in the City Council banning the installation, sale and use of audible car alarms in the five boroughs of New York City. We further urged the State Legislature to amend the State Insurance Law to remove the automatic discount to owners with audible car alarms.

Vote: T&T = 5-0-0, H&E = 4-0-0, Board Members = 2-0-0, Members of the Public = 19-0-0

Resolution passed unanimously.

Aaron Friedman initially raised this issue of audible car alarms at our November, 2002 General Meeting and has actively pursued this through to this stage and he welcomed our support.

The NY/NJ Port Authority presentation of Removal of Lead Paint from NY Tower of the GW Bridge

Theresa Tesler, Operations Manager introduced Bob Fox, Manager of Painting Program (212 435-4900)

The contract to paint the GW Bridge was awarded to L&L Painting on December 27, 2000 at a total cost of \$53,793,000. In 1998 completed the lower portion of the NY Tower with fresh paint. Must remove nine coats of lead paint via abrasive blasting that turns the paint into a dust. This dust is vacuumed down through long thick hoses to the base of the tower and collected into 55 gallon drums that are located in a fenced-in area at the base of the NY Tower, and removed daily. Scaffolding has been installed on the lower portion of the NY Tower and a shielding platform was installed last November to further protect the emission of any dust particles. Paint removal and repainting will begin May 2004 and should be completed in 2006. There will be three layers : zinc primer, pewter color gray and a polyethylene final coat. There will be activity 7days a week from 7AM to 11PM. An environmental engineer will be on site. Both air quality and noise will be monitored. Further, 8 vehicles will be parked within the fenced area at the base of the bridge (approximate area being 50ft east and west and 10ft. north). Agreement with Parks to do soil remediation – good faith permit. Rectify and refit parkland

should vehicles damage area. Took base level test of lead in ground under the bridge and are subject to inspection by EPA. Samples will be taken daily and reports once a month.

Concerns raised: Parked vehicles in the park were suppose to be at the south end? Receive copies of reports on the soil. Paint dripping off the bridge?

Discussion turned to the pot holes on 178 and 179 Streets on Ft. Washington Ave (entrance and exit from the GWB), can someone at the PA-NY/NJ work with DOT to mitigate the problems?

New York Presbyterian Hospital replacing of fuel oil tanks under the sidewalk on W. 168th St

Helen Morik introduced Paul Schwabacher, VP of Facilities who explained the process. Starting April 2004, NYPH will be replacing the eight 20,000 gallon fuel tanks with six new larger ones. The process will take two years as this is the heating system for the entire complex. These tanks are located under the Columbia Auditorium in the Black building. There will be a construction trailer on the sidewalk that will protrude out into the street allowing only one lane of traffic in each direction and omitting parking on the street in this area. This will be coordinated with DOT and MTA. Work activity will be 7AM to 3PM with limited work on weekends. DOT will provide details regarding parking, etc.

Concerns: Will there be a traffic coordinator? Plan for necessary deliveries to campus -staging deliveries.

Reached out to vendors to advise them where they may relocate. Maybe work at night or extend the day and accelerate the time frame. Employ muni-meters for commercial vehicles to NYPH.

Before departing to our respective committee meetings, Steve Simon will be presenting to the MTA on February 18, 2004 a petition with over 1,000 signatures to stop the Skip-Stop on the #1 and #9 trains.

Unanimous approval of the resolution concerning the reconstruction of 10th Avenue as detailed in last month's minutes.

Vote: T&T = 5-0-0, Board Members = 4-0-0, Members of the Public = 4-0-0

Street Co-Naming : We are still struggling with the guidelines with which we should consider a particular street co-name: that of "Jasper Simmons Way" on 155th St. & Amsterdam Avenue. Louise Fincher of the Greater File Chapel Baptist Church has visited our committee for the third time with this request. We need to get clarity on this issue and the Chair of our Board will inquire, in writing, to the head of the City Council before we act. So it was deferred to our March meeting. A suggestion was made that maybe a citation could be presented to a living person.

Requests from the Public:

Edit Prentiss requested that we support a resolution, by CB#3M, asking that a task force be created to develop a comprehensive plan to make the subway system fully accessible by identifying 100 key stations (out of 468).

Ms. Velez from P.S. 5 is concerned about the children crossing 201st off 10th Avenue. There is no stop sign or light to permit a safe crossing unless they utilize the bridge over 10th Avenue. Asked her to forward a letter relating her concerns, so that we may act.

Need to follow upon some items that have not been handled:

- Prepare a resolution to support the Coogan's clock on Broadway
- Prioritize those streets that are on the list to be paved – Deputy Commissioner Bruet
- Invite Ms. Adrienne Taub of MTA to discuss reducing the number of bus stops on Ft. Washington Ave. - #4 line

Reviewed the mail:

- Subways #1 & #9 track switch Wed-Fri 9-3 betw 212 & 215 sts.
- 2005 Budget – Forget ferry service
- Redirect letter to tenant of Confectionary.
- Stats from 34th Precinct re moving and parking violations on 181 Street for the past two years.

Meeting adjourned 9:50PM/ab

PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 3, 2004

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Emilia Cardona, Chair
H. Young-Kennedy, III, Asst. Chair
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter
Rafael Escano
Renato Mena

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dago Suarez (excused)
Glenda Swanson Massa (excused)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Simon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Miguel Reyes, Community Assistant

GUESTS

Emilio Llopiz, High Bridge Recreation Center Manager, Orlando Sanders J. Hood Wright Recreation Center Manager, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, Myrna Thomas, Friends of Lily Brown Playground

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM.

Opening Remarks: Emilia Cardona, Chair

Reviewed Uptown Arts Stroll – 1st or 2nd week of June. Meeting Tuesday, February 10th, at 6:00pm.

The primary focus this spring is to broaden the community awareness and in doing so tighten the unite east and west of Broadway

Presentation:

Orlando Sanders:

J. Hood Wright Recreation Center Manager, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation:

Outlined the free programs that are in their 5th year. These programs are being featured after school and during the weekends at J. Hood Wright Park (*note: additional flyers are available in CB12s office*)

- Conference of after school programs.
- Senior programs.
- Youth Environmental Science Society. Y.E.S. programs.
- Special 1Day outing programs.
- Saturdays environmental programs. Behind the scenes and Overnight events.
- Cooking class. – Surprisingly mostly intergenerational programs.
- Computer resource science center

The programs feature an emphasis on homework in 40 Minutes rotations homework – 1 senior programs as mentors. And, in-depth working relationships with parents, teachers and schools.

Emilio (Magic) Llopiz:

High Bridge Recreation Center Manager, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation:

Outlined the free programs at High Bridge Park (briefly).

- Intro classes for youth: Baseball, Basketball, and etc. al...
- International Clinics: Funded National Football League and United Way
- Free Internet access for after school and weekend programs.

M.W. Copietta:

Resident of Inwood Washington Heights

Left a flyer at the board office noting programs for young women

- Dancing into defiance.
- Girls – Teens Basketball

Emilia referred these presenters to the Youth & Education Committee meeting on Monday

- 3rd Friday of the month. Roller Skating. Kids in Training. Basic sports skills.
- Astronaut program.
- GED – ESL Courses

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter asked about the Fresh Youth Initiative: Andrew Robinson, Community Service.

Myrna Thomas:

Friends of Lily Brown Playground:

- Mentioned Clean ups at 163rd Street
- And suggested more emphasis on Spring 2004's *It's My Park Day* – Fort Washington Park.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: *H. Young-Kennedy, III*; Assistant Chairperson

Committee for the Aging
February 10, 2004
MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Glenda Swanson-Massa, Chair
Gloria Vanterpool
Nelson Rojas

Committee Members Absent

Msgr. Gerald Walsh (excused)
Leslie Foster (excused)

Board Members Present

Deborah Blow, Community Associate

Guests: Norma Candida, Ethel Stoll, Mary Jones Springer, C. Levinson, Nora Negron-ARC, Stephanie Harris, Parks Dept. J. Hood Wright Ctr., Officer Lopez & Officer Sanchez from 33rd Pct., Detective Hughes –NYPD 34th Pct., Zamira Setaro-Con Edison, Edith Prentiss-WHICOA, Edwin Jack-Isabella (Walking Works Wonders), Verna Arthur-DFTA

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. with introductions and opening remarks from Gloria Vanterpool.

A statement read from Housing & Human Services Committee Minutes described the effort made to save 105 Senior Centers(citywide) located in NYCHA properties, by paying to DFTA \$29.4 million thru 2007. DFTA will continue all procurement and oversight of contractors.

Edith Prentiss provided summary of WHICOA meeting discussing home delivered lunches to homebound seniors. Overview of Bronx demo program.

Ms. Stephanie Harris gave brief description of activities for seniors at J. Hood Wright Center. May 12th event for “Age in Action”.

Presenters to be confirmed for March 9, 2004:

- Det. Hughes, NYPD 34th Pct. make a presentation on “Identity Theft”
- Ms. Glenda-Swanson to follow up w/phone call to Linda Whitaker, Assistant Commissioner for the Aging as guest speaker Re: New initiatives and Aging related concerns

Future agendas were discussed:

- “One Step” joint program by NYC Commission on Human Rights & Disabled in Action intervention program designed to accommodate individuals filing complaints about stores and offices.
- Mail Voting
- Additional ideas-Accessible Taxis.

FYI:

Tax assistance preparers – Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (212) 822-8341,
76 Wadsworth Avenue & W. 176th St. 2nd Fl.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
Respectfully submitted by Gloria Vanterpool

COMMUNITY BOARD #12, MANHATTAN
DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET
FEBRUARY 19, 2004

Gregoria Feliciano, District Manager
Deborah Blow, Community Associate
Dago Suarez, Board Member
Martin Collins, 2nd Vice Chair, CB12
Abbott Ruskin, Assemblyman Farrell's Office
Frank Hess, Assemblyman Farrell's Office
Gabriela Rosa, Councilman Miguel Martinez,
Jennifer Arroyo, Senator Schneiderman's Off
Jocelinne Minaya, Liaison, Man District Attorney's Office
Pat McCullough, Councilman Robert Jackson's Office
PO Addison, NYPD Transit #3
Capt. Kevin Heslin, Housing PSA 6
Sgt. Rodriguez, NYPD 34th Pct.
Det Billy Huges, NYPD 34th Pct.
PO Lowery, NYPD PBMN
Capt. Capul, NYPD 33rd Pct.

PO's Lopez & Sanchez, NYPD, 33rd Pct
Ray Acosta, Supv. Northern Man Parks
Synetta E. Anderson, Supv. GWB Bus Station
Theresa Tesler, GWB/Port Authority
Chief Ritchie, FDNY Batt #13
Julia Glauboch, FDNY/Fire Safety
Julio Batista, NYPH
Capt. Vincent Rosati, FDNY EMS Harlem Amb.
Supv. Frank Neal, Dept of Sanitation
Adrienne Taub, Asst. Director-Govt & Comm. Relations
Zamira Setara, Con Edison
Mona Yoffie, ACS
Melvin Alston, ACS
Mariella Camargo, St. Lukes Hospital
Judith Rodriguez, Inwood Library
Clifton Hill, Project Renewal

Ms. Feliciano welcomed city agencies, guests and representatives of elected officials.
She briefly remarked on the weather conditions for January's last meeting and thanked those who were able to attend.

Ms. Feliciano called on a motion to adopt January 15, 2004 Minutes. Hearing no opposition, minutes was adopted.

Ms. Feliciano then called on a motion to adopt February 19, 2004 Agenda. Hearing no opposition, agenda were adopted

Agenda Topics

NYPD 33rd Pct. – Capt. Capul, Executive Officer provided stats for the past 28 days period: a 10% decrease in crime. Overall for the years increase of 5%. There has been an increase in robbery and burglary crimes. Impact zones have been identified where robberies are on going, enforcement efforts in the last 28 days, have made 26 robbery arrests." Operation Impact" has been successful, targeting W. 156th Street to W. 160th St. between Bway & St. Nicholas Avenues, compared to last year's crime conditions, extra officers have yielded positive results, crime is down from 65%-70%.

Capt. Capul reported on agenda topics, 550 W. 157th St. #65 (Mr. Robert Little) has been a target of investigation; possible prostitution, however Narcotics Unit has made numerous arrests on the block, but no conclusive briefing on this particular building. This building is part of the "Impact Zone" initiative, 22 verticals have been conducted in that building.

G. Feliciano asked has information been forwarded to SDG Management? Response: Not sure.

Capt Capul reported on W. 177th & Broadway at crosswalk. He said intersection is very busy, heavy vehicular/pedestrian traffic, due to curve on road. Active over spill continues, traffic conditions are being monitored between the hours of 7am – 8pm, until conditions improve. Dept of Transportation has been requested by Traffic Enforcement to paint street markings to clearly identify crosswalk. Capt Capul reported there has been 18 accidents in '02 and 14 accidents in '03. There has been 72 summonses issued at that location. Capt Capul provided stats on accidents for the year, record breaking year of 14.2% reduction:

- 278 accidents less last year
- decrease of 15% in injuries (overall)
- pedestrian accidents 8%
- total year average decrease 15%
- seat belt enforcement up 9%
- summonses to livery drivers accidents down 5%

Additional agenda items reported : Heavy drug traffic at 619 W. 163rd St., enforcement will routinely surveill perimeter. Area identified as an "impact zone". 42 verticals conducted in the building in the last 28 day period.

NYPD 34th Pct. - Sgt. Steven Rodriguez representing Deputy Inspector Kehoe, reported crime stats. had increased of stolen cars and property. The 34th Pct. have designated three "Impact Zones" for their initiatives; Zone 1-W. 181st St. Nicholas to Amsterdam, Zone 2-Thayer St. to Ellwood, W. of Broadway and Zone 3-East of Broadway. Shifts 4pm-12midnight and 6pm to 2am. It was noted that Borough Commanders decide where impact coverage should be designated (as needed basis). Sgt. Rodriguez reported that crime stats for the year are down.

He reported some spikes in accidents last year and early this year at W. 181st & Amsterdam (corridor) due to of vehicular and pedestrian spill overs, the eight bus routes, in addition to interstate traffic. Traffic Enforcement reported in the last month that APL's designation had declined due to aggressive intervention with summonses and warnings.

Ms. Feliciano commented, that in addition to enforcement intervention, pro active steps have been taken by the Borough President's Office, and other city agencies to identify and mediate the problems. She stated that CB12 has also held two Public Hearings inviting city agencies for their input and merchants and the community at large who are impacted by this problem.

In addition to the Sgt's report, he addressed the concerns at 9 Thayer St., a complaint submitted to 34th Pct. by CB12, regarding drug related conditions. He said that marijuana use had been identified: Surveillance units assigned to do verticals in the hallways, have minimized the hanging out by teenagers (landlord has been contacted). He also reported on 1 Bogardus Place(noise) summonses have been issued, in the last week approximately 40 C-summonses in the general area.

Ms. Feliciano raised other enforcement issues regarding items which did not appear on the agenda:

- noise disturbance at Diamante Restaurant (letter provided to the Pct. and board office) Ft. George Avenue. Response: Normally the hours of activity are during the midnight tour, conditions unit is dispatched during those hours to issue warnings and/or summonses as needed.
- Speeding cars on Cabrini Blvd near IS 187(complaint forwarded from Councilman Jackson's Office). Response: check points are set up, increase in issuance of speeding summonses.
- Alleged gunshots heard at Ft. George Hill. Response: not aware of this incident, no reports have been submitted

Abbott Ruskin commented that the actual alleged gunshots heard, are in the vicinity of W. 191 – W. 193 St & Audubon & Amsterdam Avenues, Sgt. Rodriguez said it sounds like an isolated incident.

NYC MTA – Adrienne Taub provided the group with a brief update on the completion of W. 191st IRT tunnel restoration. She commented that in addition to the remaining internal finishings of the project, completion date scheduled for June 1, 2004. She also invited group to take a tour of the site.

It was reported that Sanitation & DOT are responsible for the maintenance. WEP workers, who are assigned to Sanitation are assigned detailed to service the tunnel as needed. In an effort to provide safe intervention, close circuit TV cameras have been installed throughout the station.

It was reported several turnstiles at that location are in need of repair.

DOS – Supervisor Frank Neal reported on the illegal dumping of tires @ W. 189th Street & Wadsworth Terrace. He commented that the Sanitation Police have been deployed to location for surveillance. The local tire shops were visited by Enforcement Police to confirm proper documentation on the disposal of their tires.

G. Feliciano commented on other locations where garbage had not been picked up; Jumel Mansion area, at Sylvan Terrace and the surrounding vicinity at W. 162nd St. It was reported by Supv. Neal, that due to a holiday schedule, regularly scheduled pickups were delayed. He said regular pickups resumed on Wednesday and latter part of Tuesday evening tour.

Gabriela Rosa from Miguel Martinez's office commented on the problems of picking up garbage during the holiday pickup schedule.

Ms. Feliciano said that Supt. Ryan of Sanitation has always been receptive to Sanitation concerns, urged Ms. Rosa to call him directly in the future.

There were also concerns from FDNY Batt #13 as to where their garbage should be placed. Supv. Neal commented that, fire department should notify Supt. Ryan.

FDNY, Battalion #13 – Chief Ritchie reported on conditions of fire houses in the community:

- Engine 67 had the roof and facade repaired.
- Engine 84 has a rodent problem

Chief Ritchie also reported there were 67 structural fires (5 were noted as suspicious). One major fire on Jan 17, 2004 at Pinehurst Avenue, numerous injuries-5 serious injuries. He mentioned carbon monoxide incidents. Chief Ritchie said trucks and fire firefighters carry carbon monoxide monitors.

Capt. Vincent Rosati, EMS Batt #16, covering W. 145th St. to W. 116th St. asked group if they had any questions, regarding EMS division of NYFD.

G. Feliciano referred to the idling ambulances at the Emergency Bay of NYPH. Chief Rosati stated due to computerized equipment, trucks maintain their response time by keeping the vehicles during inclement temperatures whether hot or cold. Chemicals in the ambulance need to be kept cold or warm.

NYPD Transit #3 – PO Addison reported on stats yr to date vs last year. 2 robberies vs 1, and 2 assaults vs 1, one grand larceny. Crime is down. Impact area at W. 157th Street and Broadway, 16 officers assigned. On going homelessness conditions are being monitored at W. 168th Street.

ACS - Melvin Alston, Neighborhood Family Services provides neighborhood based services. Mr. Alston provided some background on some of their services. As an acknowledgement for the coordinating efforts provided to his agency during the January 6, 2004 holiday extravaganza. He presented several members certificates of appreciation for their involvement. Etta Graham, Director-Project Renewal, Zamira Setara of ConEdison and Gregoria Feliciano, Dist. Manager of Community Board 12.

NYPD Housing PSA #6 – CO Kevin Heslin reported on stats in the CB12's NYCHA developments. No activity in the 33rd Pct. however, there has been a bit of an up surge in the 34th Pct. at the Dyckman Houses, which is being closely monitored.

Manhattan DA's Office – Joselinne Minaya reported that the letter from the resident at 1 Bogardus Pl. has been forwarded to the proper law enforcement agencies and is being monitored. Ms. Minaya said the managing agent has been contacted and is under the Trespass Affidavit Program. DA's office also contact managing agent at 619 W. 163rd St. to sign up for the Trespass Affidavit Program. The following stats were provided for both the 33rd and 34th Pcts.:

- Total arrests 523
- Trespass Arrests 16
- Drug Arrests 214, 84 sentenced, 28 jailed
- Marijuana Arrests 244, 55 sentenced
- Robbery Arrests 26
- Grand Larceny 35, 8 sentenced
- Total Evictions & Vacates from 6/10/88 – 11/01/03, were 2,113
- Total #of Bldgs in the Trespass, 482

Ms. Gabriela Rosa from Miguel Martinez office thanked Ms. Minaya for her continued efforts in the community from the DA's office. Ms. Minaya informed the group of the Internship Program registration for High School students, deadline April. 300 teenagers are interviewed and only 30 are selected from the ages of 14-18yrs. The six week program, provides weekly stipends for participants work in the DA's office. G. Feliciano asked the group if there are other buildings that could benefit from this program please identify them and call the board office. Ms. Minaya mentioned that 17 Ft. George Hill is now in the Trespass Affidavit Program and offered the DA's continued support.

Northern Manhattan Parks - Ray Acosta, Supv. reported on new contracts and idea:

- Funding for new graffiti truck for the Northern Manhattan area.
- We have 3 man baseball crew for the 14 baseball fields in Manhattan
- conditioning on better drainage system
- Survey of pathwork entrances, reconstruction of the Dyckman ball field and others will end in December.

- Completion of Margaret Corbin Circle blue stone replaced mid May
- Up coming events – Chad Festival/ Drums Along the Hudson, Sunday, May 2, 2004 11-6pm Inwood Hill Park

For further information regarding parks events contact Linda Huntington at (212)927-9568.

G. Feliciano: Are there any capital projects underway? Parks response: no funding at this time for capital projects.

NY/NJ Port Authority - Theresa Tesler discussed the intricate process of restoring the roadway conditions on W. 178th St. & Ft. Washington Avenue. DOT & Port Authority engineers have been talking, nothing has been finalized yet.

Sanitation reported faulty street condition, heavy sanitation vehicles traveling through 10th Avenue @ 213th - 214th St, could result in a cave in condition. Ms. Feliciano said she would have DOT reinforce the hole, but that location is a capital project in progress, therefore no permanent repairs can be done at this point..

Ms. Tesler introduced the new station manager of the George Washington Bridge, Synetta Anderson.

Inwood - Judith Rodriguez reported that the Inwood library will be open 4 days a week. Ms. Feliciano encouraged librarians to attend the General meeting March 23, 2004 at 7:00pm to encourage board members to write letters of support.

Con Edison – Zamira Setara reported agency has been experiencing a volume of calls regarding carbon monoxide. Brochures were provided, in English, Spanish and Russian. She also will provide update on the outage of lights along the Harlem River Drive.

Question: Row of lights out along the Henry Hudson Parkway to the Bridge and another row of lights out from Dyckman to Harlem River Drive.

Response: Zamira Setara of Con Edison will look in the matter and contact board office with follow up.

Project Renewal –Clifton Hill briefly reported on stats of the men's shelter. Placements for the month of January, 2 for supportive housing, 6 psychiatric, 1 section 8. He reported facility is preparing the semi annual Callahan Inspection March 17, 2004.

Councilman Miguel Martinez – Gabriela Rosa. Reported that a presentation of the "La Fiesta Del Chivo" in honor of Dominican Heritage will be performed at the Columbia University Medical Center 650 W. 168th St. (Alumni Auditorium) , Thursday, February 19, 2004 @ 7:00pm – 9:30pm. Celebration of the Dominican Independence Day will be acknowledged on February 26, 2004 all are welcome to attend, for further details call (917) 521-2616.

Senator Scheneiderman's Office – Jennifer Arroyo reported that on February 27, 2004 his office would be celebrating Dominican's Independence Day. Preliminary stages of the "Safe Haven Pgram" to begin shortly.

FDNY Battl 13 - Julia Gauboch reported, although it is short notice, she invited Ms. Feliciano to attend a fire safety preventive meeting with Moises Perez the Executive Director of Alianza Dominicana. She briefly stated e fire department is doing a 2 week education outreach on fire prevention, from 3/21 to 4/4 targeting our community and community based organizations.

Ms. Feliciano announced the community affairs officers Sanchez and Lopez of the 33rd Pct will be leaving for maternity leave, an invitation was extended for a luncheon to those who wanted to attend.

Meeting adjourned 11:30am

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Blow