

**Community Board 12, Manhattan -- General Meeting Minutes  
2/28/06 (Hammer Building, 701 W 168<sup>th</sup> Street Rm. 401)**

**Members Present**

Maria Abreu  
Liz Rowe Adams  
Anita Barberis  
Wayne Benjamin  
James Berlin  
Aidee Camacho  
Kotie Cannon  
Emilia G. Cardona  
Martin Collins  
Leslie Foster  
Fern Hertzberg

Joyce Humbler-Faison  
Basilia Gomez  
Julissa Gomez  
Andre Harris  
Eduardo Hoepelman  
Albania Jimenez  
Shirley Joyner  
Mark Levine  
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter  
Jose Lopez  
Maria Luna

Jay D. Mazur  
Renato Mena  
Helen Morik  
Carole Mulligan  
Pamela Palanque-North  
Julio Peguero  
Angelo Ortiz  
Zead Ramadan  
Barbara Smith Ramos  
Julio Rodriguez  
Nelson Rojas

Cleofis Sarete  
Steve Simon  
Manny Velazquez  
Janifer Wilson  
  
**Members Excused**  
Sybil Dodson-Lucas  
Adam Eggers  
Beatrice Hall  
Glenda Swanson Massa  
Gloria Vanterpool

**Members Absent**

Raquel Batista  
Obed Fulcar  
Joyce F. Holland  
Joseph Sanchez  
Aaron Scott  
Bracha Statman

**Meeting called to order at 7:15pm**

**I. Adoption of the Agenda / Adopción de la Agenda**

Call for agenda approval – Renato Mena, Seconded by Julio Rodriguez. To move agenda item of Representatives of officials down to item 9 from 7 by Liz Ritter? Agenda approved.

**II. Adoption of the Minutes / Adopción de los Minutos**

Adoption of Minutes of last General Meeting – will be voted on in March meeting.

**III. Chair's Report / Informe de el Presidente: Martin Collins, Chair**

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**IV. District Manager's Report / Informe de la Director del Distrito: Charles Defino, District Manager**

**V. CBO Presentation: Justine Zinkin, Executive Director, Credit Where Credit Is Due**

Financially sustainable, Mission driven, Eviction from current location – need assistance and eager to find a new home and has had Dialog with Port Authority.

**VI. Public Session / Sesión pública (3 minutes for each speaker / 3 minutos por persona)**

Angelo Ortiz, Inwood Community Services Support of IS52

Jocelyn Bowne, Javits Party Party alliance Javits Park Community Alliance Parks & Playgrounds (Cloisters, Ft. Tyron Park) Leverage financial resources from public and private sectors Programming to take place in the parks kids paint,

Question: Levine What cost numbers would be for full renovation? Not sure? Zead: Letters to C12 7 invite to next Parks committee meeting

Jessica Reiss, YM & YWHA Meals on wheels Friendly visiting program – servicing elderly home bound with critical illnesses Volunteers needed to an hour or two to socialize with

Charles McLaughlin, Northern Manhattan Neighbor for Peace & Justice Peace Walk April 29, 2006 demonstration to end this war

Manuel Figueroa, Northern Manhattan Library Introducing New Librarians:

Julio Rodriguez Tribute to Dr. Joseph Monserrate in honoring his memory, Contributions and achievements, First President of centralized BOE, Provided best teacher contract of that time & Worked with children

Roberto De La Rosa Restructuring of our schools and increasing monies for our overcrowded schools. March 16, 2006 @ PS 218 Hearing for Capital Budget

Steve Simon, Parks Department Lifeguards wanted! (~2000), June 29, 2006 start, Free qualifying exam at 6:30 and Training available, 16 years of age and eye sight with & swim 50 yards in 50 seconds

Architectural Historian John Reddick ill speak on riverside Drive Meeting Thursday March 2, 2006 @ 7:30 @ The Grinnell – 800 riverside Drive

George Espinal, Sanitation

Friends of Payson Ave – green days

CODES meeting @ 503 W 166 Street @ 5:30 pm Youth Violence Prevention

Emilia Cardona: Receptors? who has the energy? How does it work?

Helen Morik: same question as Emilia's

**VII. Public Officials' Reports (6 minutes) or Representatives of Elected Officials (3 minutes)  
Informe de Oficiales Electos (6 minutes) o sus Representantes (3 minutos)**

Manhattan Borough Presidents Office: Rosalind Pierre-Louis Deputy Borough President Introduce liaison for CB12: Carlos Polanco  
Website is available: [www.mbpo.org](http://www.mbpo.org) Transportation conference in May 2006 Monday, March 6, 2006 : education town Hall Meeting , 37 minutes PS have been extended @ BMCC March 14, 2006 issues increase in drug trafficking in North Harlem, trash, transportation @ Community Board Reform - new and re-appointments today last day to hand in application 400 interviews expected 212-669-8299

State Senator Eric Schneiderman: Quisqueilla Addison SLA & Liquor Licenses & Medicare Bill – Part D (Seniors)

Assemblyman Herman Farrell: Frank Hess Budget Healthcare

Councilman Miguel Martinez Office Representative: Annamaria Jones Happy holidays & Happy Dominican Independence Day Town Halls in district March 15 @ Marble Hill @ 6:30 pm @ St. Matthews Town Halls in district March 29 @ 6:30 pm @ Broadway State of District & Report given out  
See news update details

Councilman Robert Jackson Office Representative: Joe McNearney Updates in the Council: Reforms to make it more democratic organization as a council body Time required to draft legislation cut down, Decrease number 9 members to 7 members Campaign for Fiscal equity, Website: online action site: <http://www.fundourschools.org> Budget talk & hearings / meeting : Public sessions for those interested in testifying.

D.A. Robert Morgenthau's Office: Jocelyn Minaya Greetings from DA. Summer internship Program: High School & Junior High School students for 6 weeks hands on with stipend Deadline April 7, 2006

Mayor Michael Bloomberg Lolita Jackson Schools

33<sup>rd</sup> PCT New CO -- Captain Joseph Dowling 212-927-3200

Haydee Camacho -- joint effort with dept of homeless & drug? Homeless outreach Joint work with transit efforts

This Sunday Coogan's 5K Walk March 5, 2006

## **VIII. Committee Reports / Informe de Comités:**

### **1. Traffic & Transportation: Jay Mazur, Chair**

Resolution: 1) Sidewalk Complaints through 311 **Passed 33-1-1-0**

2) M101 Bus- Adverse Conditions **Passed 35-0-0-0**

3) Co-Name of Isham Street & Seaman Avenue "Tommy Dowd Way" **Passed 32-1-1-0**

4) West 215<sup>th</sup> Street & Indian Road "Joseph F. Holland Way" **Passed 32-1-1-0**

5) West 212<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway "Lt. Joseph G. Leavey Way" **Passed 32-1-1-0**

### **2. Economic Development Committee: Manny Velazquez, Chair**

Resolution:

1) Recommending Washington Heights Billiard, 500 West 207<sup>th</sup> Street, for new Liquor license **Passed 27-1-6-0**

2) Recommending these 10 licenses renewals: **Passed 28-3-3-0**

On-Premises Liquor renewals: 107 West at 811 West 187<sup>th</sup> St; Mambi Restaurant at 558 West 181<sup>st</sup> St; Patrick's Pub at 221 Dyckman St; 4716 Broadway Restaurant at 4716 Broadway; Beer & Wine renewals: La Terraza Restaurant at 3881 Broadway; Alegria Fish Corp. at 59 Audubon Ave.; Elsa La Reina del Chicharron at 4840 Broadway; In Vino Veritas at 1202 St. Nicholas Ave; Rincon Salvadorena Restaurant at 1229 St. Nicholas Ave; 1446 Crystal Restaurant at 1446 St. Nicholas Ave.

### **3. Youth & Education Committee: Cleofis Sarete, Chair**

Resolution: 1) Supporting the CFE Lawsuit **Passed 34-0-0-0**

2) Supporting funding for Beacon After-School Program **Passed 32-0-0-2**

Hearing Thursday March 16, 2006 Capital Plan School Budgets @ 7:00 PM

### **4. Land Use: Wayne Benjamin, Chair**

Resolution: 1) Supporting Boricua College - Audubon Terrace capital improvements **Passed 31-0-3-0**

### **5. Executive Committee: Martin Collins, Chair**

Resolution: 1) Permit Elected Officials 5-minutes reports

2) Limit Public Session to 40 Minutes

Resolutions above tabled: **Passed 35-0-0-0**

### **6. Parks & Cultural Affairs/UMEZ Report: Zead Ramadan, Chair**

### **7. Public Safety Committee: Pamela Palanque North, Chair**

### **8. Health & Environment: Steve Simon, Chair**

### **9. Housing & Human Services: Julio Rodriguez, Chair**

### **10. Committee for the Aging: Sybil R. Dodson-Lucas, Chair**

## **IX. New Business/ Adjournment – Asuntos Nuevos / La Suspensión**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

**Martin Collins**  
**CB12 Chair's Report**  
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