

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – February 5, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon, Isaiah Bing, Edgard Nau, Martin Collins, Andria Reyes, Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

MEMBER ABSENT: Helen Morik.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT: George Espinal

GUESTS: Dr. Holger Eisl-Research Associate Professor, Center for the Biology of Natural Systems, Queens College; Heidi Roberts-Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.

Isaiah Bing, Assistant Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. **Presentation on the NYC Community Air Survey – Holger Eisl, Ph.D., of Queens College.**

He is working with the NYC Health Department on this survey, the first comprehensive effort to monitor street level air pollution in neighborhoods throughout the city. Monitors have been installed on lampposts at 150 locations to measure major air pollutants that contribute to health problems. Dr. Eisl gave a Powerpoint presentation and said the following:

- Idea for survey was initiated by Mayor Bloomberg to get a better understanding of air quality in NYC.
- Overall air quality has improved, but the city is still in violation of federal orders when it comes to pollutants and ozone.
- M. Collins: Are there any Inwood sampling locations?
- HE: There are two in CD 12 at W. 185th St. & St. Nicholas Ave. and near the GWB.
- M. Collins suggested including Inwood, especially near the Sanitation garage on W. 215th St.
- The goal is to understand neighborhood differences, separate from traffic patterns, and to provide the data to the public and its officials.
- Our air pollution comes mostly from outside the city (more than ½ from power plants in the Midwest).
- S. Simon & I. Bing asked if survey can detect pollutants coming from apartment buildings; some landlords use "dirty fuel." I. Bing: some drivers bypass strainers on the truck in order to save time.
- HE: these sulfur dioxide pollutants are minimal
- The monitors are turned on every hour for 15 minutes for a 2-week period in each season; continuous sampling would overflow the units.
- They use "land use requirements" analysis model as they are only monitoring 150 sites at a time, using statistics and other data to estimate pollution levels overall.
- S. Simon: can the monitors be used to gauge the pollution effects on the tenants of the 4 apartment buildings above the Trans Manhattan Expressway. HE responded they do not measure pollution levels in high rises; they are limited to approximately 12 ft. above street levels.
- A. Reyes: data exists on the effect of trees on air quality
- S. Simon noted that in light of the huge development project planned for the GWB bus terminal, which will attract significant traffic, the data collected will be less than what will soon exist in that area. HE emphasized that this study is focusing on current conditions in the City as a whole.
- M. Collins requested additional monitoring locations at 181 & Bway and 207th St. & Bway.
- HE responded that the site selection process has already been completed. MC asked who decided the locations. A: it was done together with the Dept of Health & Mental Hygiene.
- ½ of the monitoring sites were selected because they have high traffic volumes, high building density; background levels of pollution are also necessary for comparison.
- They are also monitoring "special concern sites," for example transportation facilities.
- They are not measuring organic pollutants.
- Quarterly reports will be available.

- I. Bing expressed concern that the study won't measure 150 yr old underground gas lines that leak. He said the only reason one "smells" gas is because of additives and that monitors to pick that up are not being used in this study.
 - S. Simon thanked Dr. Eisl for his presentation and invited him back to report on the survey's findings.
2. **Update on Con Edison's M29 Transmission Line and Substation Project** – Mayra Linares was not present. I. Bing reported that Borough President's construction task force met with Con Ed in regard to blasting for the tunnel under the Harlem River and asked for additional information about procedures being followed and the effects on the community.
 3. **Review of Scorecard Street Cleanliness Ratings** – S. Simon said this item would be tabled until the next meeting. He is researching data to see if our district might qualify for a reduction in street cleaning and alternate-side-of-the-street parking days because of high street cleanliness ratings.
 4. **CUNY-Columbia University Health Sciences Internship Awards Program** – S. Simon distributed applications for this program, which provides students seeking careers in certain ancillary health fields a stipend during the internships they are required to serve in order to qualify for their licenses.
 5. **Mail** – A letter was received from the Public Service Commission soliciting public comments on the latest request by Con Edison for an electric rate increase.
 6. **Next Meeting:** March 5, 2009. The agenda will include possible resolutions on bills pending before the City Council: the proposed "Bioheat Act" and a bill requiring collection of recyclables at street fairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Edgard Nau.

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES - MINUTES

February 10, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cheryl Pahaham, Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Glenda Swanson Massa, Asst. Chair

Kotie Canon

Rolando Cespedes

Carole Mulligan

Richard Allman

Rolando Rodriguez

Pamela Palanque-North

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Staff Member Present: Ebenezer Smith

Guests: Mindi Wapner, Pat Sarli—New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; Elizabeth Safran, Brian Bains, --Residents, 467 West 163rd; Karen Goldman--Attorney for condo residents; Robert Schonfeld, Attorney for the Center for Family Support; Barbara Greenwald, Ruth Mullen—the Center for Family Support

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Chairperson Cheryl Pahaham convened the meeting at 7:15 PM. No quorum.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide opportunity for a public hearing on a proposal to develop a community residence in a condominium building at 467 West 163rd Street. Residents of the building and their attorney attended, as well as two representatives from the nonprofit supportive housing developer the Center for Family Support, its attorney and two employees from the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. The meeting was digitally recorded; a copy of the recording on a compact disc (85 MB—too large to attach to email) will be left with District Manager Ebenezer Smith.

Residents questioned why there were no other Community Board 12 members present. Cheryl Pahaham responded that there was another hearing going on, and the Community Board 12 members were not required to attend this meeting. She stated that the Housing and Human Services Committee would review the minutes of this hearing and would consider and vote on a draft resolution regarding this issue, which would then be taken before the full board for a vote.

The discussion revolved primarily around the following unresolved concerns: 1) when did the Center for Family Support purchase the building; 2) whether the Center for Family Support properly notified Community Board 12 of its plans prior to purchasing the building; 3) what could be done to address security concerns of the residents; and 4) on what basis could Community Board 12 legitimately object to the project.

Residents clearly objected to the Center for Family Support establishing a community residence in their building on the following grounds: the condo board was not notified of the project prior to the Center for Family Support beginning construction work; the Center for Family Support has not attempted to address concerns about security; the residents do not want an institution moving into their building; the Community Board 12 never notified the residents about this project and did not hold a hearing on it.

Cheryl Pahaham objected to the project because she maintained that Community Board 12 never received proper notice of the proposal and therefore never had the opportunity to publicly review and comment on the project.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM without resolution.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Pahaham, February 17, 2009

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Staff Member Present: Ebenezer Smith

Guests: Community Resident

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Chairperson Cheryl Pahaham convened the meeting at 7:15 PM. No quorum.

A community resident who lives at 25 Arden Street complained about harassment from the landlord. The owner of the building denied heat and hot water to the resident and his brother, who lives in another apartment in the same building. The resident also claimed that New York City Housing Preservation and Development inspectors were bribed by the building owner to deny that there were any problems in his apartment. Cheryl Pahaham suggested that the resident contact Assemblyman Espaillat's office to ask for an attorney from Nos Quedamos to represent him in housing court.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Pahaham, February 17, 2009

Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2009

Committee Members Present

Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
Ines Saldana-Olesen
James Berlin
Isaiah Bing
Vivian Ducat
Dora Maria Abreu
Richard Allman
Tamara Rivera

Committee Members Absent

Wayne Benjamin, Chair

Board Members

Guests: Rocky Mountain Baptist Church; Beverly Camero, Hy Pearson, Lula Davis, Virginia Simon, C. Nesbitt, Rev. E. Hudson, Burnita B. Diaz, Rosana Wiley, Deborah Washington, William Washington, Shirley Frazier, Rebecca Jones, Dorothy Smith, Stephen DiCiocci-Northern Manhattan, Residents: Timothy Frasca, Viatlia Shklovsky, Edwin Marshall-City Planning, Josh Rinesmith-Sheldon Lobel, PC

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Anita Barberis after Land Use members introduced themselves to the attendees. The order of issues on the agenda was changed to address the application by Rocky Mountain Church as the first order of business.

- Josh Riensmith of Sheldon Lobel, P.C., legal counsel for Rocky Mount Baptist Church reviewed the application being submitted to the Board of Standard & Appeals for a zoning variance to permit the construction of a **19-story residential and community facility building at 37 Hillside Avenue ("Site")**.

In summary, this Site will include a church and affordable housing comprised of 91 one-bedroom and 34 two bedroom apartments. Photos of this 19-story building were compared with four residential co-op buildings of which three of those buildings are not on Hillside Avenue, but rather on Fort George Hill or Fairview Avenue, and the fourth is on Hillside Avenue, but almost 1,000 feet east of the Site near the Dyckman Street train station.

A. Barberis queried why there were no photos of the relationship of the Site to the residential buildings adjacent to and opposite the Site that are six stories tall and more indicative of the neighborhood character? There was no valid response.

J. Berlin felt strongly that the design of this Site was not out of context when compared with the distant tall buildings and further asked whether 3-bedroom apartments were considered as our community is comprised of many large extended families.

Michael Walden, Developer & General Contractor, stated that this community has many large apartments and that one and two bedroom apartments fit our community's needs. Further, many one-bedroom apartments are often converted to Jr. 4's, However, that is something we'd prefer not occur as it is usually not done by the developer and such changes may not consider safety factors. They would seek further guidance from HPD and other agencies

to meet the community's housing needs. It is also contemplated that this project could be completed within 14-16 months.

Tammy Rivera asked if the developer would look to our community first to fill the jobs this construction would generate. He responded, that although based in Harlem, he is willing to hire qualified members within our community. She further inquired about on-site safety, of which he stated that there would be someone on site to monitor the job. Although he has taken the safety course, now required, he will not be the individual.

Josh Riensmith explained they will be seeking financing from HPD and HDC. With the three levels of underground parking for 126 cars, they are alleviating street parking and congestion. This is considered affordable housing and will be open to the community through an application process. A. Barberis asked what is considered affordable; ballpark response \$800 for one-bedroom and \$1,050 for a two-bedroom. The ultimate focus is financial viability, which translates to 124 units and thus a 19-story building.

Although a vote was taken on a revised resolution, we must first have a Public Hearing. Therefore, we will publish and hold that meeting for public comment on March 2, 2009

- **City Planning Changes to Waterfront Zoning Text.**

Edwin Marshall of City Planning presented a power point review of the new text for water front access focusing on privately owned property. This has relevance for our community with Sherman Creek and Bakersfield as prime candidates.

Waterfront zoning since 1992 encourages active use of the waterfront and access is required under different conditions such as high density or located in a manufacturing district.

The proposed plan considers a variety of seating (picnic tables, benches, walls) surrounded by trees, shrubs, rocks and flowing paths (no straight lines). It may include cafes and guardrails (which are not mandated, but liability may require).

The Land Use Committee was quite pleased with the text and will support it in a resolution to be proposed at our next meeting.

- **Bike Zoning Text**

Edwin Marshall gave a quick overview of the essence of this plan. The Mayor's NYC Plan is an effort to get people to use other methods of transport like bicycles. Given that there is no place to store bikes safely at home or at work if used as transport, new guidelines have been developed to ensure the viability of bicycling. The new text would require new developments to provide bike storage place as well as to existing developments that increase by 50%. Only residential buildings with less than ten units would be exempt. This storage requirement would not count against the permitted FAR.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ines Saldana-Olesen & reviewed by Anita Barberis

CONCERNS FOR THE AGING - MINUTES

February 10, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT PRESENT

Gloria Vanterpool, Chair
Nelson Rojas, Asst. Chair
Edgard Nau

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Ramona Gomez-ill

BOARD MEMBERS

Staff Member Present: Deborah Blow, Community Coordinator

Guests: Norma De Candido, Ethel Linder Stoll, Marilyn Pacheco-Isabella, Jim McNiff, Beatrice Hall, Verna Arthur-Commission for the Aging, Rosemary Cortez-Health Outreach, Zamira Setaro-Con Edison

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G. Vanterpool, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.
Welcome and introductions were made. Ms Vanterpool.

Department For the Aging

It was mentioned that with the strong assistance of the City Council, all plans by DFTA to close any senior center s was rescinded and a new commissioner was chosen. Future info will be forthcoming in the next meeting. Hopefully, the new commissioner will be visiting at the Washington Heights Inter-Agency Council on Aging and we will have an opportunity to give our recommendations for future directions for senior citizen programming.

Senior Citizen Centers Visits

The chairperson mentioned her visit tp Riverstone Senior Citizen at 99 Fort Washington Avenue on February 9th This is in keeping with the goal to visit all active senior programming in our community. Hopefully more committee members will be able to accompany her in the future. The executor director, Ms Rebecca Carel, spent a great deal of time with her, explaining the activities of the center. The chairperson was able to view the Community Caregiving Program where men and women with memory loss due to Alzheimer's disease, stroke or other reasons are having a great time attending Riverstone's social day program that includes dancing, singing, Movement Therapy, discussion groups and other activities. It was well attended. Copies of their recent publication of their newsletter was distributed to the committee members present.

Isabella Walking Group

It was announced that due to a rise in cost, the walking group would no longer be able to use the 168th St Armory and all activities will be held at the Isabella Activity Hall. A small contribution will be asked of the members attending the activity. It was suggested that most seniors will be comfortable contributing for this activity.

Bulletin Board

A bulletin board will be posted at the entrance of the Community Board office labeled "Our Seniors in Action". Relevant info will be posed regularly to keep the public informed about activities and events happening at our neighborhood senior centers.

Access –a Ride

Once again, the complaint was mentioned about the inadequate service offered by this company and an appeal was made for the committee to explore the possibility of correcting the problem with the City Council and the Manhattan Boro President. Ethel brought in a letter that she had sent in regarding her complaint and hoped that a follow up would be made. She was assured that this would be done.

Con Edison

Z. Setaro distributed brochures on “10 Tips to Help you Go Green” and spoke of a planned conference for June. Invitations are forth coming .

Next meeting scheduled for March 10th . It will be held at the new facility of Upper Manhattan Partnership at 215th St. on Broadway. We have been invited there for a tour and presentation discussing Case Management for Seniors in Washington Heights. Transportation will be provided for all interested in attending.

Submitted by Gloria Vanterpool, Chair

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2009

Committee Member

Emilia Cardona, Chair
George Cruz
Ingrid Dominques-Brito
Andria Reyes
Cleofis Sarete

Committee Absentees

Jennifer Araujo
Ninoska Uribe - ill

Board Members Attending

Edith Prentiss

Staff: Deborah Blow, Community Coordinator

Guests: Captain Carty, NYPD 34th Pct., PO Tony Trinidad NYPD 34th Pct., Emily Lopez, 33rd Pct., PO Robinson Hewitt, 33rd Pct., Joselinne Minaya-Man. DA's Office, Joselinne Minaya-NY DA's Office, Bob Isaac, Sharon Kagawa ACS-Washington Heights, Deputy Insp. Joseph Dowling

Manhattan Middle School is a school for students who were expelled from their regular schools and have been transferred to this more supervised school setting. It has 3 classes each with approximately 50 students. Four students were arrested at the school at the start of the school year Sept 08. It is currently sited at Broadway Temple but the Dept. of Education is considering moving it into PS 173 (on Ft Wash between 172 and 173 Sts) which DOE claims is under utilized. The parents, the school, etc would rather see a pre-school program in PS 173.

The issue has come to the Public Safety because the parents, staff & community are concerned that moving Manhattan Middle School into PS 173 will be detrimental to PS 173 and the community. While this is a middle school, many of the students are older. There are concerns that they will bring their negative behavior into PS 173 where they might prey on younger students or indoctrinate them into gang behavior.

33rd Pct – Dep Insp Dowling

1. 162nd St Jumel-Edgecombe A complaint has been brought to the Board by a new member (George Nelson Preston) that people are parking on the block hanging out, eating and trashing the neighborhood as well as doubling parking. The Pct is focusing its attention there. It seems there are also two churches in the immediate vicinity. The Pct is working with them regarding parking.

2. Project Renewal In 2008 648 calls to shelter (includes aided requests not all criminal) with 22 arrests in the shelter (5 felonies & 17 misdemeanors) There were 120 arrests in the community of individuals who live in the shelter (narcotics, assaults, robberies & 2 for public lewdness). In 2009 there have been 5 arrests in the Armory. The shelter staff is very proactive. They called the Pct about a resident who is a level 3 sex offender who approached a student athlete before the Track staff. The shelter security are not peace officers. The Division of Homeless services has peace officers but they rotate between programs. There has been an influx of younger men into the shelter which has changed the dynamics.

3. CU & Track team buses in bus stops. The Columbia University shuttle and the Golden Flow buses CU hires sit in the southbound M4 bus stop at 168th St blocking the M4 bus stop. Similarly buses transporting teams park in the bus stop the northbound M4 bus stop in front of the Armory as well as along Ft Washington. The Armory staff who are suppose to ensure buses do not park there are usually hanging out inside the lobby. Private cars park in the bus stop while waiting. This practice creates a safety issue for people using MTA buses.

34th Pct - Capt Vincent , Exec Officer & Tony Trinidad, Community Affairs

1. Crime stats: Major Crimes are down 37.9% over last yr 10.2% in past 10 days; 11.8% year to date and 85.6% over 16 years

2. Hispanola-State Sen Schniederman's office convened a meeting attended by Insp. Capul, PO Pabey & Emilia Cardona regarding Hispanola. The situation is being investigated by Internal Affairs.

3. Traffic enforcement -Traffic enforcement officers are assigned by the Traffic Enforcement Bureau. The 34th has 7 POs assigned to traffic enforcement but can call upon the 169 other POs in the command. (how many traffic & parking tickets are written?)

a. Why aren't there are ever traffic agents or police officers assigned to the GWB like there are at other bridges and tunnels. The Pct replied those officers and agents are directing traffic onto the bridges or into the tunnel. At the GWB, the problem is that the Bridge is backed up and no number of officers deployed will resolve that problem. The danger to pedestrians when cars run the light to get onto 179th and off Broadway was raised. (It's a 33rd Pct issue not 34 Pct which only has the sidewalk on the north side of 179 St)

b. It was asked if the Pct could concentrate their traffic officers in the areas where clubs & restaurants are located especially when they close.

c. 181 St, an extra officer has been assigned to keep traffic moving. Complaints were raised about jaywalking as well as vehicles blocking the intersections so that pedestrians can't cross when they do have a light.

d. Bikes - (How many tickets are written?) Tickets are only a Class C Summons, Bikes must have tires over 21 inches to be ticketed. The Pct. Tries to talk to food delivers about staying off the sidewalks etc. The question was asked as to who enforces the bike delivery rules: (helmet, sign on bike etc). The Pct had no idea. CM Jackson is preparing a new brochure.

4. Graffiti - 188th St Audubon-Amsterdam referred to Lt Frank Rivera

Street Activity Permits

- For single block events Permits are submitted to the CB office who sends the request to the Mayor's office who consults with the Pct regarding issuing a permit.
- Major events requests bypass the CB and are filed directly at the Mayor's Office.
- Speaker permits are handled by the Pct.

The Pct claims that 99% of the time they agree with the recommendation of the CB.

The CB has received complaints from several blocks that feel they have been inundated with events. To resolve these complaints, the SAP Task Force has analyzed Permits issued since 2004. They have been organized by sponsor and locations in an effort to be sure that no group has additional events and no block has too many events. There was a Public Hearing at Isabella last month. A meeting is planned with organizers to review new procedures for the CB office to ensure the rules are followed.

1. Does the Pct check to see that all organizers have a permit when they close a street or sidewalk? Yes, they do
2. What does the Pct do if an event does not have a permit? They disperse the crowd
3. Are sponsors required to post their permit on site? They receive a letter but don't know if it has to be posted.

4. Are food vendors required to have food handling permits? Yes, but they only get a Class C Summons.
5. Are all vendors required to have licenses? Yes, they're suppose to have a general vendor licenses. If they don't, they'll get a Class C summons & their wares are confiscated.

NYC District Attorney's Office Joselinne Minaya

1 The DA's Immigrant Program has English & Spanish brochures, which are available upon request in additional languages. The brochure explains that neither the NYPD, the DA nor the Court are concerned with their legal status when they are a witness or a crime victim. The DA is seeking community residents who have been defrauded by Victor Espinal.

2 on 2/19 there will be a Senior Security Forum at Isabella.

3. on 3/18 there will be a Domestic Violence presentation. They're looking for an accessible venue convenient to both the 33 & 34 Pcts. The presentation is in addition to the monthly committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Edith Prentiss, reviewed by Emilia Cardona

Traffic & Transportation Committee Minutes

February 2, 2009

Committee Members Present

Mark Levine
Anita Barberis
James Berlin
George Cruz
George N. Preston
Edith Prentiss
Rita McKee

Committee Members Excused

Dr. James Freeman

C.B. 12 Members Present :

Guests: Jacob Morris, Eileen King, Theodore Ziruita, Carol Blagman.

Chair Levine opened meeting at 7:05pm with had the Committee introduce themselves to the attendees.

Agenda amended to add five more items to the existing one. They were:

- 1) MTA closure of token booths (existing)
- 2) Street scape 168-9th Sts on Broadway
- 3) Intro 894 giving teachers permits to park free
- 4) Livery Cabs at 187th St. chaos
- 5) Traffic congestion at Fairview, Ft. George & St. Nicholas
- 6) Co-name Constance Baker Motley

Discussion concerning MTA's austere budget dictating the closure of one token booth, if more than two exist in one station during off-hours. In our community, we addressed the 181st A train station, where there are two booths, one at 181st St. and one at 184th St. Both are important to our community for use and safety reasons. This has also been brought to the attention of Denny Farrell. R. McKee drafted resolution to MTA with our recommendation to first survey stations before randomly closing booths.

Vote: Committe-7-0-0-0 and Members of the Public- 4-0-0-0

Streetscape to alleviate illegal parking. A. Barberis presented a recommendation to have a raised park island between 168th and 169th Streets on Broadway (like the other islands south of 168th Street) in lieu of just street markings to inhibit cars that park against this island on both sides late in the evenings until early morning hours. Requested that "Green Streets" study the area (along with DOT) to determine the viability of implementing a raised park island. Illegally parked cars set the wrong precedent for our neighborhood. This will also be presented to the Parks Committee.

Intro 894 requests that teachers be given parking permits to park free at meters or in the vicinity of a school. Heated discussion about permits in general ensued. We understand that Mayor Bloomberg reduced the number of permits from 63,000 to 11,000. Meters are a source of revenue for the city, so why hand out permits to teachers, who drive in from NJ and the island. There are garages available for their cars. Ideas surfaced that permits should have a cost to recipients. It seems there are certain areas, like the colleges (Columbia & City) that get a break, but there is a cost involved. No consensus for a resolution, so nothing was done.

A resident, Theodore Zirnite, asked that the livery cabs parked on 187th St Pinehurst to Cabrini Blvd. need another area to park their Lincoln TLC's instead of illegally at meters. He offered the last block on Cabrini Blvd right before Corbin Circle away from residential buildings. However, such a "Taxi Stand" is for yellow cabs not TLC's. To ensure that the problems are remedied, we need to request diligent enforcement from our Police Precincts. R. McKee drafted a resolution requested such enforcement from both the 33rd and 34th Police Precincts and it was supported by the Committee and the public.

Vote: Committee: 7-0-0-0 and Members of the Public 4-0-0-0.

A resident at the north end of St. Nicholas Ave were two one-way streets and 4 two-way avenues intersect causing major traffic congestion due to timing of traffic light. Recommended: "Don't Block the Box" zone, right turn on red for vehicles coming up Fort George Hill & Fairview and DOT camera. The T&T Committee suggested that DOT study this area of contention and come up with some proposals to alleviate the congestion.

Final item was the approval of co-naming 160th St. between Edgecombe Ave and St Nicholas "Constance Baker Motley Place," rescinding Count Basie who will be honored in Queens.

Vote: Committee 7-0-0-0, Members of the Public 5-0-0-0.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Anita Barberis

Economic Development Committee – *Minutes*

February 3, 2009

Committee Members Present: *Tony Lopez, Chair; Martin Collins, Assistant Chair*

Committee Members Excused: *Rolando Cespedes, Edith Prentiss*

Committee Members Absent: *Julissa Gomez*

CB12 Members Present: *George Espinal, Emilia Cardona, George Preston, Rafael Osoria*

Members of Public Attending: *Lourdes Vidal represented 3920 Broadway Restaurant Inc. (DBA: Parilla Steakhouse) & 559 St. Nicholas Avenue Corp; Roberto Jerez from RPT Restaurant Corp, 630 West 168th St.; Rosalee Martinez & Juana Peralta from El Rey de la Paella, 558 West 181st St.; Leonardo Lantigua from 1446 Crystal Restaurant Corp at 1446 St. Nicholas Ave.; William Dunmyer, community resident; Daniel P. Bader, Editor, Manhattan Times; Juan Lozano from Pupuseria Ranchito Restaurant at 4129 Broadway; John & Elizabeth Cichon, 3920 Broadway; Deputy Inspector Andrew Capul & Officer Tony Trinidad-34th Precinct; Peter Gaito Jr., 57 Park Terrace East; Santiago Alvarez/Ramirez & Rafael Mendez from FAM Restaurant Corp, 431 West 202nd Street; Mildred Tarver, 3758 10th Avenue; Novelletta Wilson, 213 Nagle Avenue; Carl Wilson; Dyckman Houses; Deputy Inspector Joseph Dowling & Officer Emily Lopez - 33rd Precinct; Council Member Miguel Martinez*

The committee chair Tony Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:17pm. Mr. Lopez explained the committee's role and responsibility; it is one of nine standing CB12 committees. ***Quorum was not obtained so the committee must meet prior to the February 24th general meeting to consider resolutions to present to the full board at its monthly general meeting.*** Mr. Lopez announced the committee will hold a public hearing on February 10th to consider Umbrella's application for a cabaret license; Martin Collins distributed flyers to the attendees and announced the notices were posted February 2nd in and adjacent to the Dyckman Houses. Notice will also be published in the Manhattan Times on Friday, February 6th.

NEW SLA APPLICATIONS:

On-Premises Liquor License:

1. FAM Restaurant Corp. – 431 West 202nd Street (bet. 9th & 10th Avenue)

Santiago Alvarez presented for FAM Restaurant Corp., 431 West 202nd Street, who will apply to the SLA for a new on-premises liquor license. Mr. Alvarez said they are looking to open a small bar, serve food, and create jobs. They will have TVs for sporting events, etc. Mr. Lopez asked for a menu, which was presented. The menu listed the name of the premises, Soriano Sport Lounge and included appetizers such as chips and dip; wings, cheese fries, chicken fingers and various types of pizza. The location 431 West 202nd Street is presently a parking and auto mechanic lot. A food truck is parked 24/7 inside the lot and serves customers curbside orders. Mr. Alvarez and investors purchased the lot from its former owner Dario Oleaga.

Economic Development Committee – Minutes

February 3, 2009

Mildred Tarver, a resident of the Dyckman Houses, said more than 3,000 people live in the Dyckman Houses and that Umbrella will soon open across the street from this lot with a full liquor license. Residents can't stand any more noise, traffic, parking problems; we can't sleep. Mr. Alvarez said he knows the community well and the restaurant will not create problems; it will create 20-25 jobs.

Mr. Alvarez said there is parking on-premises; the lot can accommodate up to 350 vehicles but he will have parking for 150 cars given the build-out for the restaurant lounge. The premises when built will have approximately 20 tables. The food truck will relocate.

The 34th precinct said Umbrella will open across the street and is concerned with the impact of another establishment on parking, vehicular congestion, and traffic and indicated it is not in favor. In addition, Skyline Lounge and Ambaroom Lounge are adjacent on 10th Avenue and another location on West 206th Street and 10th Avenue is attempting to open while 400 West 202nd Street (corner of 9th Avenue) applied for a liquor license.

Mr. Alvarez said the hours of operation will be 24 hours a day; the type of establishment is a sports bar and the capacity is approximately 110 people. He addressed the vehicular congestion, traffic impact and noise by saying that he cannot control what Umbrella may do and promised anyone may go and enjoy the restaurant and that it will create jobs. Mr. Alvarez has experience as a restaurant manager and service. Mr. Lopez asked to see the lease before the February 24th general meeting; for confirmation of the 150 parking spaces; and notice of when the food truck will move. Mr. Alvarez submitted a layout of the establishment that look almost identical to the plans that were submitted for this establishment to the committee last spring.

Community residents and the 34th precinct said the 24-hour operation will extend the carousing and nighttime activity on West 202nd Street, which is a one-way street with traffic turning onto 10th Avenue. Deputy Inspector Andrew Capul said most neighborhood restaurants close at 12:00 or 1:00; there are not many sporting events after 12:00 or 1:00. Mr. Alvarez said the restaurant will be open until 2:00 or 3:00 am on weekends. Mr. Lopez asked for more data on the hours and method of operation; he provided Mr. Alvarez with a copy of the SLAs 30-day notification form and asked that it be completed and faxed to CB12.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

Restaurant Wine License:

2. El Rey de la Paella – 558 W. 181st Street, (bet. St. Nicholas & Audubon Avenue)

The owners, Rosalee Martinez and Juana Peralta of El Rey de la Paella, 558 West 181st Street will apply to the SLA for a new restaurant wine license. They brought plans that are pending approval from the Department of Buildings. Ms. Martinez and Ms. Peralta acquired the establishment and the adjacent vacant store within the past month. The party room is operational and they will expand the kitchen. The 34th precinct is concerned about another late night, after-hours place. The owners said they are currently open 24 hours. The 34th precinct is also concerned with downstairs use and exits; the owners agreed not to use downstairs except for kitchen use.

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Ms. Martinez said there are five to six current jobs and they anticipate creating another 20 jobs with expansion. In the future the restaurant will be open from 7:00 - 4:00am. The 34th precinct reported this establishment has been nuisance abated; there was eight to 10 assaults; stabbings; people hit over the head with bottles because people gravitate to late-night places to eat after drinking. Ms. Martinez was an employee of the former owner and said the restaurant's SLA license was revoked for sales to minors. She is working more to food than alcohol sales late night.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

RENEWAL SLA APPLICATIONS:

On-Premises Liquor License:

1. 3920 Broadway Restaurant Inc. DBA Parilla Steakhouse – 3920 Broadway (bet. 164-165th Street)

The on-premises liquor license for 3920 Broadway Restaurant Inc. expired April 30, 2008 despite receiving a resolution of no objection from CB12 for their renewal. Deputy Inspector Joseph Dowling said the owners are having ongoing discussion with the SLA about outstanding noise violations. The 33rd precinct and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) did a site-visit for noise. The owners spent about \$15,000 on soundproofing and changed the speaker system; thereafter, a second DEP and 33rd precinct sound-check was done. The non-override able sound limiter was set at 22 on the stereo system to alleviate noise. The SLA has looked at the place in the past four to six weeks and an SLA inspector had no issues; the 33rd precinct had no issues with crime and the owner has complied with regulations. Deputy Inspector Dowling said the owners have gone the extra step to work with the community.

Mr. Lopez asked about the door the owners promised would be installed to mitigate noise in the building's lobby. The door was on order for fall 2008 but no one was aware if it was installed. Lourdes Vidal, represented the owners, and helped them with the SLA application process. Ms. Vidal said SLA Deputy Commissioner Kerri O'Brien wanted them to submit a new application; the owners are meeting tomorrow with the SLA about its method of operation. Council Member Miguel Martinez said a large amount of revenue comes across the bar and is important to their survival.

Elizabeth Cichon said late night loud music is again a problem. What happened to the override able limiter? They are waking residents up although the noise has diminished. Mr. Lopez said that the CB12 District Manager, Ebenezer Smith will call the owners about this matter and the SLA for the results of tomorrow's method of operation meeting with the SLA.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

2. Maracas Steakhouse – 143 Sherman Avenue (northeast corner of Academy Street)

The liquor license is inactive since its March 19, 2007 filing date. The 34th precinct said it's just counter food, not a full kitchen & too small for an on-premises liquor license.

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3. **148 Nagle Avenue Restaurant Corp. DBA Mi Nido Taverna** – 148 Nagle Avenue (just off Dyckman Street)

There were no objections to its liquor license renewal.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

4. **El Mambi Restaurant** – 4181 Broadway (corner of 177th Street)

There were no objections to its liquor license renewal.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

5. **RPT Restaurant Corp. DBA Faculty Club** – 630 West 168th Street (bet. Bdwy & Ft. Washington Ave)

RPT Restaurant Corp., 630 West 168th Street, 4th Floor, is the Faculty Club for the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. The restaurant operations manager, Roberto Jerez attended and explained the method of operation is to serve the university's departments, physicians and employees; it is open to the public upon request. There were no objections to its liquor license renewal.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

6. **Third Palm Tree Inc.** – 2145B Amsterdam Avenue (bet. 167-168th Street)

The 33rd precinct reported there were double-parking and occasional noise complaints for the Third Palm Tree Inc., 2145B Amsterdam Avenue; however, the precinct's last issue with the establishment was a fight over 18 months ago. The owners are cooperative and the only concern the precinct has is parking. There were no other objections to renewing the establishment's on-premises food and beverage license.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

7. **4241 Restaurant Inc. DBA Reynold's Bar** – 4241 Broadway (northwest corner of 180th Street)

There were no objections to renewing its liquor license.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

Restaurant Wine License:

8. **Mi Millenium Restaurant** – 220 Nagle Avenue (corner of Academy Street)

There were no objections raised to renewing the establishment's restaurant wine license.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

9. **Darling RG Restaurant Corp.** – 1636 St. Nicholas Avenue (corner of 192nd Street)

The 34th precinct raised serious concerns about the basement room; it's very narrow spiral staircase and considers it a death trap. Only a four-foot high door serves as the emergency exit. A

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second basement door leads to a locked sidewalk gate. The precinct also observed after-hours operation. The establishment has applied for a restaurant wine license renewal. The precinct is opposed.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

10. RA Restaurant Inc. – 398 Audubon Avenue (corner of 185th Street)

The 34th precinct is concerned about gambling on-site; tables with games of chance and dominos; players observed taking stuff off tables and stuffing pockets. The establishment has applied for a restaurant wine license renewal. The precinct is opposed.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

11. 4931 Capitol Restaurant – 4933 Broadway (southwest corner of 207th Street)

There were no objections to its restaurant wine renewal.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

12. Alegria Fish Corp. DBA Alegria Fish Market – 59A Audubon Avenue (bet. 168-169th Street)

There were no objections to its restaurant wine renewal, which expired January 31, 2009.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

13. La Fiesta Restaurant Corp. – 3797 Broadway (bet. 157-158th Street)

There were no objections to its restaurant wine renewal.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

14. 1446 Crystal Restaurant Corp. DBA Mambi II – 1446 St. Nicholas Avenue (bet. 182-183rd Street)

There were no objections to its restaurant wine renewal, which expired January 31, 2009. The owner, Barbara Nunez purchased the restaurant in May 2008 and has applied for renewal.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

15. Pupuseria Ranchito Restaurant Inc. DBA Pupuseria Ranchito – 4129 Broadway (bet. 174-175th Street)

The 10-year owner, Juan Lozano attended and said the restaurant is open daily from 11am - 11pm and has four employees. There were no objections to its restaurant wine renewal.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

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16. 1559 St. Nicholas Corp. DBA La Potencia Restaurant – 1559 St. Nicholas Avenue (corner of 188th Street)

1559 St. Nicholas Corp. was represented by Ms. Vidal. The restaurant wine license expired January 31, 2009. The 34th precinct did not receive sufficient notice and will get back to us with input.

NO QUORUM EDC 0-0-0, BRD 0-0-0, PUB 0-0-0

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

William Dunmyer, 1825 Riverside Drive has formed a tenants association to address summertime noise from Mamajuana. He is concerned that Mama Sushi has applied for a liquor license and that Mamajuana's owners have acquired the Dyckman deli between Seaman Avenue and Broadway to open a new Mexican restaurant. Dunmyer is concerned about Dyckman's quality of life and the impact of another establishment obtaining a liquor license. He said Il Sole provides no issues for the community and that Mamajuana's nightclub-style operation is a problem. Mr. Lopez said community residents, the CB12 District Manager and Mamajuana's owners should meet and address the concerns. Mr. Dunmyer asked if Mama Sushi received its liquor license; Mr. Lopez replied no it is pending.

Mr. Collins reported that 5060 Broadway has posted permits from the Department of Buildings to renovate for an eating and drinking establishment. The location has a long, problematic history and has been repeatedly shuttered. Community residents attended the October 2007 economic development meeting and the committee agreed the community will be notified when CB12 receives any notification for a new SLA license. Mr. Lopez acknowledged the concern and said the community will be notified upon receipt of any application.

George Espinal raised concerns about the committee's request that all businesses be handicapped-accessible in lieu of the difficult economic times we are in; it may not be possible or economically viable for every business to be handicapped-accessible. He asked if grants or funds were available to assist a business and recommended the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone (UMEZ) as an option. Mr. Lopez noted the concern and asked Mr. Collins to contact UMEZ about potential grants.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Martin Collins and formatted by Paola Garcia

YOUTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE – MINUTES

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Albania Jiménez, Chair
George Espinal

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Jackie Rowe Adams
Rafael Osoria
Maria Luna (Excused)
Carol Mulligan

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Martin Collins

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Staff Member Present: Deborah Blow

Guests: Siegfried Acher, Christina Hykes, Jocelyn Rodriguez

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm by George Espinal, Member of the Committee.

Quorum was not established, awaiting additional members.

Mr. Espinal welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. The committee last month agreed to hold their committee meeting at the NYPL- Inwood Branch.

Discussion of Parent Coordinators is tabled for the upcoming month. No one from Department of Education was present to discuss the item on the agenda. No one was present on behalf of the coordinators or any coordinators from the district were present to discuss the item on the agenda.

Discussion on P.S. 173 and a resolution was presented however, due to lack of quorum the committee could not consider the resolution for a vote. The Department of Education's Office of Portfolio has intentions of placing a High School level program inside of P.S.173 an elementary school. Ms. Jimenez expressed her concerns about where would they High School students be placed if the Parents and the school are not welcoming the High School level program to P.S. 173. Assemblymember Adriano Espaillat, Councilmember's Miguel Martinez and Robert Jackson are not in favor of placing this program inside P.S. 173. The school is scheduled to hold a press conference and rally on Friday February 6, 2009. The Department of Education's Office of Portfolio will hold a public hearing about their plans on Wednesday February 4, 2009 at P.S. 173. Committee chair Jimenez promised to attend this weeks meeting with committee member George Espinal to gather additional information about DOE's plan.

Motion to adjourn by Albania Jimenez second by George Espinal

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

Minutes Respectfully submitted by George Espinal