

**Community Board 12, Manhattan -- General Meeting Minutes
1/24/06 (Milstein Building, Columbia Presbyterian)**

Members Present

Dora Maria Abreu
Katie Rowe Adams
Anita Barberis
Raquel Batista
Wayne Benjamin
James Berlin
Aidee Camacho
Kotie Cannon

Emilia G. Cardona
Martin Collins
Sybil Dodson-Lucas
Adam Eggers
Leslie Foster
Fern Hertzberg
Joyce Humbler-Faison
Obed Fulcar

Basilia Gomez
Julissa Gomez
Beatrice Hall
Andre Harris
Eduardo Hoepelman
Shirley Joyner
Mark Levine
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

Maria Luna
Glenda Swanson Massa
Jay D. Mazur
Renato Mena
Helen Morik
Carole Mulligan
Pamela Palanque-North
Zead Ramadan

Julio Rodríguez
Nelson Rojas
Cleofis Sarete
Steve Simon
Bracha Statman
Gloria Vanterpool
Manny Velazquez
Janifer Wilson

Members Excused

Joyce F. Holland
Albania Jimenez
Angelo Ortiz
Julio Peguero
Barbara Smith Ramos

Members Absent

Jose Lopez
Joseph Sanchez
Aaron Scott

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm

People reminded to sign in.

Call for agenda approval – Sybil Dodson, seconded by Fern Hertzberg. Agenda approved.

Adoption of Minutes of last General Meeting – motion to adopt by Liz Ritter, and seconded by Emilia Cardona.

Chair's Report: Special thanks to Milagros Vicente, Liz Ritter and Anita Barberis for their longevity, leadership and service on the community board. Recap of community needs in terms of Housing and abandoned buildings, Sherman Creek Project and the need to include affordable housing in its planning stage; Education remains a critical issue, as the need to alleviate overcrowding situation is dire and we need to join elected official in this fight – a fight for more school space; Economic development – work closely with the small business services to see the feasibility of a greater BID; Health/Immigrant services – 311 records indicate Domestic Violence to be in the forefront of complaints to the system, and we need to join the fight on this as we are neglected in terms of municipal services; Obesity/Diabetes and Mental Health issues continue to affect our area, again greater attention must be paid to this issue. Quality of Life Issues such as Noise and Traffic requires greater pressure on city agencies for greater accountability; In addition, the creation of a task force to look into the feasibility of a Malcom X Cultural Center; The Audubon Study should be further studied. See Chairman's Report January 2006.

Introduction of the new District Manager – Charles Defino

He extends his assistance and vows to work closely with the community in seeing the community needs are met. He announced the Race Salsa/Shamrock to be held on March 5, 2006 at 9am.

Greetings from the new commander of the 34th Precinct – Captain Capul

Captain Capul highlighted some of his career assignments starting as an officer for six years in the 34th precinct then becoming a sergeant in Narcotics Division in 33rd and 34th Precincts and some time at Central Park Precinct. He stated his vast history in Northern Manhattan fighting crime has prepared him for the many challenges in law enforcement and he expressed content in coming back to an area that is not foreign to him. Q&A session for Captain Capul: Liz Ritter commended the 34th precinct for its rapid response on the Bennett Park Incident, and so too, Martin Collins for swift action on Park Terrace and West 215 Street' tire slashing/graffiti incident this month. Captain thanked everyone for support.

Introduction of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer

7:38 Manhattan borough President Scott Stringer

Borough President was introduced by Chair Martin Collins. President gave thanks for all the support from the area; he vowed to reform community boards, re energize and re-empower boards. This is exemplified in the survey generated from his office to get feedback from all communities on what their needs may be. He further emphasized the need to build consensus in order to achieve common goals. For example, securing a Graduate Student Urban Planner in each community board to look at the ULURP Process as it relates to policy development and planning. Stringer pledged his commitment to housing, education and strong emphasis made on community board reform. He referenced the city charter as it relates to his power as borough president and chairperson on the borough board. Borough board meetings will now be alternated in every community. Stringer will attend all district consultation meetings as charged by the city charter. He gave praise to a new diverse and well-qualified staff on board at the president's office, and Stringer looks forward to a challenging and exciting year. Stringer opened the floor to Q&A.

Q&A for Borough President

10 PM Questions & Answers

Funding formulas for community boards question by Mark Levin.

With regards to appointments to local boards, what formula will he be using? Stringer's response: No appointments will be stalled and it is his hope to "de-politize" boards. De-politicize the boards, No audit from comptroller, Fight for increased funding, UULURP process, Youth Coordinator

Therefore, boards are legitimized and he can fight for greater funding. For example, obtain a Land Use Advocate, Director for Youth Services, Graduate Student Funding for Urban Planning (free).

7:44 PM Health Divide task force to continue?

Health divide task force to continue, Asthma rate being reduced, Building "green", putting together Major Transportation Conference

With regards to health disparities, what can be done? Stringer gave a pledge to create a task force as done by previous Borough Presidents like C. Virginia Fields, to deal with Asthma incidence in East Harlem; Solar energy technology a possible solution as a co-generation for reducing pollution and addressing traffic congestion/pollution. We need to look at other parts of the world to see what others are doing.

7:47 PM Josh Karan District 6 CEC – Relationship between CEC and Community Board should be a model

Josh Karan, CEC, expressed content regarding the level of cooperation, which exists on the CEC currently, and hopes this level of cooperation and productivity can serve as a model for others when working together.

Borough President closes Q&A with thanks, and welcomes new applicants for local boards; applications available on February 1, 2006 by calling 212-666-8151.

7:50 PM Angel Reyes (director of environmental Services) & Emma Rodriguez (Director of Public Relations) Court Yard and side walk have decayed due to age and introducing dangers to pedestrians due to uneven surfaces 13, 83 sq ft is Borica college property NYC Landmarks Commission approves this project only if done in it's entirety. Borica College is contributing Hispanic Society Space. Appeal for support to complete project Commissions meeting on February 7, 2005 on Expanding Audubon terrace

7:57 Questions & Answers

When you are proposing a gate is it at the entrance of the building ? and will it follow the same design as the crest ? Yes. We will do our best to duplicate the gate that is there although it will be a little smaller.

You are requesting what kind of support? a resolution? Yes.

Martin Collins: We are referring your request to the proper committee and get back to you before your commission meeting.

VI. Public Session

Manuel Figueroa : Manhattan north District Librarian , 104 w 136 St. 212-491-2072 Vianella Rivas, Dorata Soja

Savona Bailey Mella: Thank you for support - we won the Main Street Grants 120,000 from NY state and community renewal . 50,000 will go to Hispanic society Street scaping public art – public art festival art fest - July coincides with launch Harlem – Heights culture loop

8:06 PM

Dr. Mindy Fullilove: Re-Entry Project- research what young people face they come back in to the community from jail or prison 212-740-7292 – 16th anniversary of being in that office.

Dr. Mindy Fullilove: C.L.I.M.B. – hiking trail that would link a few parks , diabetes concern, work with Community board "Hike the Heights" in June
Zead: email dates to activities for community calendar and email blast Fern: ties together projects

Rossmery Barzey: Minimize disparities in health care,
Programs –

1. Community Health Program,
2. Mentor Connection Program
3. Creating a Resource Center
4. Save our safety Net Campaign

Jar Hirschhorn Owner of J's Big Gym – reaching out to community to provide programs and services , we take free programs on holidays mlk day , presidents day etc www.JsBigGym.com located at 625 West 181st Street (btwn Wadsworth & St. Nicholas)

8:21 PM

Tony Lopez: Owner of UPS Store located at 4768 Broadway (just off Dyckman St.) 212-304-0282, not just shipping, faxing, laminating, mailboxes

Edith Prentiss: Completely accessible locations for meetings

Seth Andrew: thank you to CB12 Democracy Prep, good News – school is approved by chancellor, starting this summer with 6 grades, looking for math and science teachers and supporters,

Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes – January 10, 2006

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Assistant Chair
Joseph Sanchez
Aaron Scott

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

Zead Ramadan, Chair
Emilia Cardona

Guests: Jane Schachat, Administrator, Northern Manhattan Parks (NYC DPR); Dawson Smith, NYC Mountain Bikers (NYCMTB); Edith Prentiss, community resident

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- 1) The meeting was **called to order** at 6:40pm by the Assistant Chair, the Chair being unable to attend due to a religious holiday.
 - 2) There was a brief discussion of the status of the **Shabbaz Center and Malcolm X Memorial**. There was a ribbon-cutting on 5/019/05 on the occasion of Malcolm X's 80th birthday, and the understanding was that the center and museum would be opening soon. It was agreed that the Chair would write a letter to Maxine Griffiths (Columbia University community relations), Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott and Matthew Wambua of EDC to find out what is going on with this project and when they anticipate opening the facility.
 - 3) There was a discussion regarding the **possible placement of additional power lines by Con Ed through Inwood to the Academy Street substation**. It was generally agreed that while additional capacity is needed, the community should be consulted on the routes under consideration, as there might be unintended adverse impact, and that under no circumstances should the lines go through or under Inwood Hill Park. A proposed **resolution** was offered by Ms. Lorris Ritter, and unanimously approved by those in attendance.
 - 4) There followed a discussion of a proposed resolution by Board member Obed Fulcar to establish a **bilingual environmental educational center** in Sherman Creek on the site of a now-abandoned gas station at Tenth Avenue & Dyckman Street. It was uniformly agreed that this is a great idea, but that it should be considered in a way that neither replicates other facilities (e.g., Inwood Hill Park nature center and NYRP program at Swindler's Cove) nor limits other stakeholders in their ideas for space usage in the target area. It was further agreed that any new facility should be multi-use, including not only environmental/educational uses but also recreational facilities, and that it support the Greenway. It was agreed that rather than have a resolution come through this committee, it should be discussed within the **Sherman Creek Planning Task Force**, and that this and other committees continue to be sounding boards and brainstorming opportunities for these and other developmental ideas, which can be further discussed within the Task Force. Mr. Fulcar's creativity and drive in putting forth this idea were applauded.
 - 5) Ms. Edith Prentiss raised an issue regarding the **sidewalk on the Broadway side of Ft. Tryon Park**. Ms. Schachat conceded that sidewalk is in horrendous condition, noting also that there are limited funds in requirements contracts to make these sorts of repairs, but not enough to do all of them at once. As money becomes available, DPR can prioritize this area for repaving. Sidewalks are particularly costly to repair, more so than paths within the park itself. It was agreed that the worst area of this particular sidewalk is across from the Dyckman job center, north and south of the bus shelter; Ms. Prentiss noted that this is an especial hazard due to low lighting. Ms. Schachat also recommended that CB12M request a capital project in the next funding cycle to repave sidewalks adjacent to parks, and request funding from both Councilmembers.
- Ms. Prentiss also noted that some of the paths in **Fort Tryon Park** end in stairways, and this is an accessibility hazard as it is unexpected. Ms. Schachat made suggestions regarding ways of **marking ADA-accessible paths**, either to note the presence of stairs, or of a too-steep grade.

Ms. Prentiss also noted **NYS Controller Alan Hevesi's recent audit of accessibility of DPR facilities**, which found serious compliance issues, while noting that DPR is committed to rectifying these deficiencies. The Committee should be aware of the report, available on-line at www.osc.state.ny.us. (Click on "audits", and then search either by agency ["Parks & Recreation, NYC Department of"] or by date [12/28/05].)

- 6) Dawson Smith of the NYC Mountain Bikers (NYCMTB) gave a brief report on his group's efforts in Highbridge Park with regard to construction of a mountain biking trail. NYCMTB is working to put together clean-up events both to actually clean the subject area, and also to raise public awareness about the group and the park. Joseph Sanchez suggested that NYCMTB also work with NYRP.

Mr. Smith noted that NYCMTB did a walk-through of the proposed trail area using GPS technology and plans a GPS mapping over-lay that onto a topographical map for their final presentation on trails and signage to the Parks Department sometime later this month. He hopes that the trails will be done by Fall. This is really a "win-win" project; he praised Ms. Schachat for her support.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

Minutes of the Traffic & Transportation Committee –January 9, 2006

Committee Members Present

Jay Mazur, Chair
James Berlin, Asst. Chair
Anita Barberis
Renato Mena

Committee Members Absent

Obed Fulcar

Board Members Present

Martin Collins, Board Chair

Public Member

Dago Suarez

Guests: Maurice Bruet, NYCDOT Deputy Borough Commissioner; John Kinney, Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (Resident); Alicia Calderon, Columbia University Dialysis Center; Michael Anapol, Columbia University Dialysis Center Patient Rep.;

Chair Mazur called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and welcomed those in attendance. He introduced Mr. Maurice Bruet, Deputy Borough Commissioner of NYCDOT and asked him to guide us in resolving the following issues:

- Our community has documented 102 street lights that are not operating. They have been called into 311 and still more than half have been out-of-order for more than six weeks and some a lot longer.
 - Mr. Bruet explained that if it just replacing a lamp, it should be rectified on a timely basis. DOT requires the 311 case numbers to give us a status report. However, if there is a blockage of energy the street lamp needs to be removed with a crane. Con Edison gets involved as the wires have to be reattached and Con Ed's timeframe for this kind of repair is running about 25 days. If there are missing plates where the electricity is being stolen, advise DOT directly.
- Query: What do the red lights above a lamp post indicate? It usually means there is a fire box is on that lamp post.
- Concerned for the safety of children using the new park in Highbridge, does Edgecombe Avenue meet the warrants for speed bumps to slow traffic in that area? Probably not.
- We requested that the timing of lights on 181st St at Haven & Cabrini (Lafayette Plaza) be reviewed. Residents living in this area brought this to our attention as one had lost her dog to a hit-and-run car. There is too much cross-traffic at the above intersections due to vehicles exiting I-95 and Riverside Drive and long queues at the local lights.
- What are the resources available to us when a merchant blocks the sidewalks, i.e. the luggage store at 181st Street near Audubon Avenue? These violations fall under the jurisdiction of the Dept of Consumer Affairs and Dept of Sanitation wherein tickets are given and/or the removal of goods. We should also check with the 181st BID. It seems that this particular merchant pays the fines as a "cost of doing business" and keeps up the abuse.
- The 191st Street Tunnel to the subway is a mapped street. What city agency is responsible for this tunnel (street)? There are three city agencies involved: DOT is responsible for 191 Street, DOS is responsible for cleaning and EDP in charge of the catch basins. Recommended we add the reconstruction to enlarge the catch basins as a capital expense item.
- Review the proposed revocable consent authorizing Yeshiva University to continue to maintain conduits under Amsterdam Avenue and along 185th St. is standard procedure.

Columbia University Dialysis Center, located at 60 Haven Avenue (at 170th St in a residential community), is requesting a change in the signage for their wheelchair-bound patients as they plan to add a fourth shift running until midnight. Mr. Michael Anapol, a Network Patient rep, and the facility administrator, Alicia Calderon, both explained that there are about 175 patients that need dialysis 3 times a week. The facility accommodates 24 at each shift and 40% of the patients are wheelchair-bound and require ambulette service. Shifts begin at 5:30AM and patients are usually there for four hours. The present signage accommodates two ambulettes and reads "No Standing 8am-6pm Mon-Fri except authorized vehicles (ambulette)." They are requesting "No Standing 5 am-midnights Mon-Sat..." They also requested a curb cut to facilitate moving the wheelchairs on and off the sidewalk. That request must be made to the Dept. of Buildings.

A heated discussion ensued claiming other vehicles park in this area and there is no enforcement, as well as the ambulettes remain there for many hours instead of leaving after drop-off. To insure that this area remains open only to the ambulettes, a suggestion was made to employ orange cones designating that this area is closed to other vehicles. A further suggestion was made to present this request at District Cabinet Service meeting with all parties involved present. They would include Columbia University, the Ambulette companies, 33rd Police Precinct, NYCDOT- Lois Tandler and Jay Mazur, T&T Chair.

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm/AB

COMMITTEE FOR THE AGING MINUTES
January 10, 2006

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Sybil R. Dodson-Lucas, Chair
Fern Hertzberg, Asst. Chair
Leslie Foster
Mark Levine
Nelson Rojas
Shirley Joyner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Glenda Swanson-Massa (excused)
Gloria Vanterpool(excused)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Carole Guss Mulligan

Public Member

John Kinney

Guests: Dr. Eric Bates, Jocque DeLard-Exodus Associates Norma De Candida,-Resident, Zamira Setaro-Con Edison, RoseMary Cortez, , Jean Katona, Betty Kidd, Verna Arthur-DFTA, Jim Fabio

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Meeting convened at 10:20am, opening remarks Sybil Dodson-Lucas

Reviewed mail note* Adriano Espaillat invitation to Housing Planning Mt.

Discussion of NORC (naturally occurring retirement community) and committee support for Isabella home expansion

Exodus Associates – Dr. Eric Bates Affiliated w/ Harlem Hosp and Jacqe DeLard-Design & Development Partners, lead a lengthy discussion regarding concept of Senior Care/Wellness Center at location in Inwood at 215th Park Terrace East
Following are some of the questions /concerns raised by committee members and responses from Exodus Assoc.

- Housing and Wellness component – are these services not already available ?
- What about Allen Pavilion? How will Exodus services differ from what is already available
- Who is targeted ? Area residents from WH/Inwood or will patent be recruited from outside
- How will patents/residents be identified, what are criteria for acceptance?
- How many apartments? Up to 227 units are planned , 6 stories high, 32 staff members (Exodus)
- Cafeteria staff
- Janitorial staff
- Willing to employ people from area to address vehicle problem
- Security 24 hours Ques. Why would security personnel be needed? What population requires security ?
- Shuttle bus on hill? Committee members concerned that adjacent street will be overburdened
- Free market prices on some apartments. Questions as to how project will be financed
- Independent /assisted living at market rates are two different income streams 1,700 1 bedroom ,2,400 mo for 1 bedroom suites
- How did # of apartments arrive? Cost estimate

Exodus

What is background? LLC in Delaware, Bulis CEO/Founder Longhill Co. is Associated, they have eight locations

Exodus would employ Jack Richie from Longhill to be administrator, United Methodist Homes will manage the facility

Acquisition no proposal has been made to Northeastern Academy – current owners of proposed site

Leslie Foster – What is the underlying Profit/non Profit organization 501C3 ?

Committee asks to see a written document laying out the relationships and an organizational chart

- Carol Mulligan – suggest committee study Hebrew Home for Aging as positive example. United Methodist Home has poor reputation
- Impact to pvt. Buildings is negative (community resident)
- Change in requirements in NY State, parking is/will be an issue, service to disabled provided ?
- Suggest look at others service facility
- Dr. Bates stated Exodus wants to build a unique facility that fits the community.
- Verna Arthur – Dept of the Aging asks for literature/ more detail regarding Exodus Assoc.
- Exodus Assoc. to return to committee in March with more information.

Submitted by Deborah Blow reviewed by Sybil Dodson Lucas

Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2006

Committee Members Present

Wayne A. Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
Dora Maria Abreu
James Berlin
Julio Rodriguez
Aaron Scott

Committee Members Absent

Julissa Gomez

Board Members Present

Martin Collins
Steve Simon

Guests: Ethan Cohen, Juan Gonzalez, Charles Cross, Ana Taudy, Rex Curry – City College Architectural Center, Kristin Borhofen-Inwood Resident, Rachel & David, Francisco Guzman-HCDC, Edith Prentiss, John Kinney-CPAAA

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Land Use Chair, Wayne Benjamin welcomed guests to the Land Use meeting, advised that the meeting was dedicated to a presentation by City College Architectural Center (“CCAC”) of its work to-date on the Neighborhood Planning and Land Use study of Washington Heights and Inwood it has undertaken in collaboration with CB12 and introduced Ethan Cohen, Director of CCAC. Mr. Cohen opened CCAC’s presentation noting that the material that will be reviewed is a draft of the findings of its first phase of work on the district-wide study, which consists primarily of data gathering analysis. It was also indicated that CCAC intends to provide CB12 with a revised draft of the presentation materials by the end of January 2006. Mr. Cohen then turned presentation over to Rex Curry, CCAC’s Team Leader for the CB12 study.
3. Mr. Curry walked the Committee and guest through the presentation, which included a detailed PowerPoint presentation in addition to other maps and visual materials. Mr. Curry noted that presentation represents approximately 60 days of data/information gathering from primary and secondary information sources, reviewing past studies of CB12 such as the recent study undertaken by the Community League of the Heights and funded in part by the Enterprise Foundation, and a physical survey of 65 blocks in three areas of Washington Heights and Inwood. The PowerPoint presentation was structured in three parts covering zoning, land use and neighborhood/building characteristics, baseline demographic data and trends and three case studies which illustrated how actual vacant sites in the community district can be developed under current height-factor zoning as compared to the building form that would be developed using contextual zoning. The maps and visual materials included a “cognitive mapping” analysis of Washington Heights and Inwood whereby a sheet of tracing paper superimposed over of map of CB12 indicated various conceptual sub-areas with different building and neighborhood characteristics. There was extensive discussion between CCAC, the Committee members and guests throughout the presentation. It was indicated that the second phase of CCAC’s study will include more extensive outreach to other CB 12 Board members and to community-based organizations. A copy of CCAC’s January 11, 2006 draft briefing report is attached to these minutes for reference.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Wayne A. Benjamin

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – January 4, 2006

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Simon, Chair
Helen Morik, Asst. Chair
Obed Fulcar
Basilia Gomez
Beatrice Hall

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Bracha Statman
Barbara Smith-Ramos (excused)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Pamela Palanque North

Charles Defino, Dist. Manager

GUESTS

Lesmah Fraser-Director, Ambulatory Care Network (ACN), NY-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH); Dr. Dan Hyman-Medical Director, ACN, NYPH; Emilio Carrillo, MD-VP, Community Health Development, NYPH; Andres Nieto-ACN, NYPH; Edith Prentiss-Chair, NYPH Health Council; Marc Barbieri-NYC DOH/MH Office of Community Relations; Monique Davis-Harlem Hospital Health for Success program; Arleamon Sadler, Jr.-TSG, Inc.

1. Meeting was convened at 7:15pm by Steve Simon, Chair, who gave a brief background history about the joint hospital-community effort in the 1980s to create the Ambulatory Care Network Corp. and subsequent efforts by the community to ensure that six sites were eventually opened in Washington Heights-Inwood, including the one being discussed tonight.

2. New York-Presbyterian Hospital's plan to close the Ambulatory Care Network site at 64 Nagle Ave.

Lesmah Fraser: Nagle Ave. site is not closing; it's relocating

- site at Bway & Academy St., 10 blocks away, is expanding
- undertook strategic planning process, including physicians, community people, nurses, staff (focus groups) concerning future of ACN
- 1st goal: service to the community
- 2nd goal: teaching residents (medical students)
- 3rd goal: research

Dr. Dan Hyman: ACN changes will be an improvement in health care for the neighborhood

- Leases at both sites expiring
- Looked at what site could be renovated and expanded
- \$2.5M expansion @ Bway will open in July; additional storefront being rented
- Current Broadway site is antiquated, cramped
- Nagle Avenue – broken elevator, leaking roof, etc. – would cost \$1M to bring up to speed
- as of July, new facilities at Rangel (135th St.), Washington Heights (180th St.), Bway, Farrell (158th St.)
- will see as many, if not more, patients
- all sites will be open in the evening – 4 days/week

Dr. Carrillo: Dr. Hyman is a national expert on quality of care for asthma

In response to question by S. Simon, Dr. Hyman said the State Health Dept. had not cited Nagle Avenue for code violations and that this was not the reason for its closing.

Fraser: bathrooms had to be made ADA-compliant, etc., besides roof and elevator repairs. Would have cost \$1.3M. Looked at expanding by taking over supermarket downstairs, but it was not available.

Dr. Hyman: 7-8,000 patients currently signed up at Nagle Ave., 25,000 visits/yr., come from zip codes all over community, not just immediate vicinity of site; may be 9,500 sq. ft.

- Family medicine practice will be moved intact to Farrell site at 158th St. & Morgan Place
- 3 internists, 3 pediatricians, 5-6 midwives and physicians
- all physicians now at Farrell will be moved to other sites
- no staff losing positions
- all practices will continue to be based on the principle of 'continuity of care'
- Broadway will have more pediatrics, women's health, medicine, ob/gyn, podiatry, mental health; elevator being installed to basement; new space may be 10,000 sq. ft.

S. Simon requested data on Nagle Avenue patients' zip codes and the exact sq. footage of both Nagle Ave. and the Broadway expansion. Also asked for copies of documents, including any state reports citing deficiencies at Nagle Ave. Dr. Hyman and Fraser said requested info would be provided.

Prentiss: Nagle Ave. originally had dentistry practice (2 chairs); it's not being replaced, will still have deficit

Morik: not enough room at Nagle Avenue to remain code compliant

Palanque North: was data collected concerning patients affected by changes?

Dr. Carrillo: doing a community health needs assessment, community outreach in February

Simon: will patients be notified sufficiently in advance of any changes?

Prentiss: when dentistry at Nagle Ave. closed, notification to community was inadequate

Dr. Hyman: will work with patients who can't follow docs to new sites because they don't find them accessible; will find other physicians in the community for them.

- Will hold open house at Farrell and bring patients down to site
- Community health workers will be hired by CBOs – Alianza, CLOTH, etc. – for needs assessment

Morik: ACN doing much more than we initially expected; sites were supposed to be only 2,500 sq. ft.

Prentiss: Allen Pavilion site is a "horror...everyone is thrown into a bullpen"

Dr. Hyman: it's being reorganized and will be improved

3. Overview on Pandemic Flu ("Bird Flu") – Marc Barbieri, NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene

- Regular flu kills 36,000 in U.S. each year, 2,500 in NYC each year
- Avian (bird) flu has been in existence for thousands of years, generally affects birds only – chickens, ducks and geese, poultry-type animals
- H5N1, type of strain particular to this latest bird flu, developed ability to cross species since 2003, most frequently in Southeast Asia, where people often come into contact with birds
- 142 have been infected, 74 died, very strong type of flu when you consider that most kill at rate of 1%
- 3 pandemics of flu in history:
 - 1918 – Spanish flu (also a bird flu) killed 500,000 in U.S., 20-50M worldwide
 - 1957-58 – Asian flu killed 74,000 in U.S.
 - 1968-69 – Hong Kong flu killed 34,000 in U.S.
- Key question is: will this flu develop ability to go from human to human?
- DOHMH, with federal govt, has done pandemic flu planning, looking at different types of disease, tracking demand for tamiflu drug. NYC's Pandemic Flu Plan will be issued in April.
- City can't prevent flu from getting here; it's up to feds to keep people with flu out of country
- No danger in eating a bird with flu, virus is dead when bird cooked; only risk is contact with live bird
- No vaccine available; it will take 6 months to develop once humans spread disease
- People are stockpiling tamiflu, thinking it can be used vs. bird flu, but it's never been tested for this purpose. As a result, Hoffman LaRoche has restricted sales.

Fulcar: Are there problems in South America, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico?

A: Not in those areas yet. Has been found in Romania, Turkey and Greece in birds only

Fulcar: Are you doing anything about live poultry markets?

A: They're not regulated by NYC DOHMH, but by state Dept. of Agriculture & Markets.

Morik: How does pandemic go away? A: Most people develop immunity, and a vaccine is developed.

Hall: What about pigeons? A: They don't have flu.

Hall: What are symptoms?

A: Primary symptoms are respiratory, e.g. severe pneumonia, have to be put on ventilator to breathe.

Simon: When will new edition of Community Health Profile be issued?

A: In the next few months. Will return to make presentation then.

Simon thanked Barbieri for excellent presentation.

4. Old Business – Simon: disappointed that Columbia University did not give full presentation at last meeting, failed to inform board of second phase of self-audit involving air, water, etc. already submitted to EPA. Also disappointed that an opportunity was not provided to more board members to review first-phase report and that we were not given copies. Still evaluating significance of info Columbia gave us.

5. New Business – Monique Davis, representing Harlem Hospital's Health for Success program, offered to do presentations on any health subject and screenings.

6. Reviewed mail.

7. Set next meeting date for February 1.

8. Adjourned 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted, Steve Simon

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 11, 2006

Committee Members Present

Dr. Pamela Palanque North, Chair
Aidee Camacho
Adam Eggers
Andre Harris

Committee Members Absent

Kotie Cannon, Asst. Chair
Julissa Gomez
Joyce Holland

Board Members Present

Martin Collins, Board Chair

Guests: Capt. Andrew Capul, NYPD -34th Pct; PO Haydee Pabey NYPD-34th Pct.; PO Kevin Kelly, NYPD-34th Pct.; Capt. Frank Ritchie, FDNY Battalion 13; George Espinal, Friends of Payson Ave, Capt. Wishnia, NYPD 33rd Pct.

Presentation and Introduction by Captain Andrew Capul, Commanding Officer of the 34th Precinct

Captain Capul attended the meeting and introduced himself to the committee members and other CB12M residents and discussed his short and long term public safety objectives. He identified the following items as high priority:

- Continued decline in crime in the 34th Precinct
- Improve conditions
- Develop community and precinct relations

He also shared previous positions which he held at the NYPD, which included assignments at the 34th, 33rd, 48th Precincts and Central Park Precincts.

The new Community Affairs officers were introduced to the committee, as well. There will be ten (10) new police officers joining the 34th precinct the week of 1/17/06.

Committee members expressed concerns about a lack of visible presence of community policing officers on streets and in parks in the Inwood area. Captain Capul committed to look into this and will get back to the Community Board about the hours that the officers patrol Inwood. He stated that he is aware of the problems in the parks and would like to increase the number of officers assigned to the park areas.

There was a request for an update on the "Bennett Avenue Mugger" case. Captain Capul stated that there *has not been another incident since August 2005 in this case but there has not been an arrest in the case, either.

A concern was expressed about the response time of fifty-minutes by the 34th precinct to a 911 call involving a motor vehicle accident in December.

The Committee Chair identified the high priority concerns expressed to the committee by residents who live within the jurisdiction in the 34th precinct, they were:

- Noise e.g. loud music in buildings and public areas
- Use of explosives and fireworks w/o a license during summer months

- Crime on streets and in parks
- Vandalism of cars

Captain Capul stated that he reviewed a 311 summary report on complaints made in 2005. Of the 11,000 complaints made in 2005 the #1 complaint was about noise.

Executive Officer Wishnia, 33rd Precinct provided an update on crime in the 33rd Precinct by reviewing crime statistics for the month of December 2005.

There was an increase in homicides, rapes and murders Year to Date. All other crimes were down from 2004 to 2005.

FDNY Report on Fires, Relocations and Fire Prevention Education in CB12M

FDNY Chief Ritchie, 13th Battalion, provided the committee with a comprehensive report on the number of fires and medical emergencies in the 13 Battalion, which includes Engine 84, 67, 95 and 93. (See attached report)

The Committee Chair inquired about the number of fire inspectors and marshals that were assigned to CB12M and how often residential and commercial buildings had to be inspected by law. There are less than fifty (50) Fire Inspectors working across all five boroughs. Chief Ritchie stated that institutions such as hospitals are inspected annually. Other buildings may only require inspection every five years.

At present local engine and ladder companies are conducting "B.I.S." or building inspections. This depends on the availability and demands on the firefighters on any given day.

Committee members raised concerns about specific locations in the community that have excessive clutter in the stores, on sidewalks and hanging from fire escape railings above the store.

The Chief asked the Board to support the request for additional wrenches to close the hydrants that abused by residents during the warm weather.

After the Chief's report the committee discussed presenting a Domestic Violence Resolution at the January General Meeting and agreed on a date and topic for the February committee meeting.

The date and time for the next meeting will be February 8 at the CB office and the topic will be Emergency Preparedness which will be organized by Aidee Camacho who has recently completed the OEM Train-the Trainers Course, and CPR Certification.

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Pamela Palanque North

