

**General Meeting – January 26, 2010 – Columbia University Medical Center  
Irving Cancer Research Center  
1130 St. Nicholas Avenue**

**PRESENT**

Dora Maria Abreu  
Richard Allman  
Juan Carlos Alonzo  
Anita Barberis  
Wayne Benjamin  
James Berlin  
Isaiah Bing  
Leonardo Blackman  
Emilia Cardona

Cynthia Carrión  
Martin Collins  
George Cruz  
George Espinal  
George Fernandez  
Nicole Foster  
Julissa Gomez  
Melanie Hidalgo  
Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky

Maria Luna  
Glenda Swanson Massa  
Helen Morik  
Carole Mulligan  
Edgard Nau  
Pam Palanque North  
Cheryl Pahaham  
Audrey Perez  
Edith Prentiss

George Nelson Preston  
Zead Ramadan  
Tamara Rivera  
Ruddy Santana  
Steve Simon  
Gloria Vanterpool  
Joe Wojak

**EXCUSED**

Rev. Antonio Almonte  
Rolando Cespedes  
Mark Levine  
Tony Lopez  
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter  
Andria Reyes  
David Ernst Kach

**ABSENT**

Jackie Rowe Adams  
Rita McKee  
Jasmine Moy  
Elizabeth Pepin  
Manny Velazquez

The Chair, Pamela Palanque North, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Ms. North recognized Cynthia Carrion as the appointed secretary for tonight's meeting. While we waited for quorum to adopt the minutes and agenda Ms. North gave the Chair's report:

- Wished everyone a happy New Year and a PowerPoint presentation of activities Ms. North has been involved in, the CB 12M funding priorities for the year, and outlined the issues that have come out of the committee meetings, including new leadership:
- External Activities:
  - Ms. North has been involved in Outreach and Meetings with Elected Officials on CB12M Ranking of Priority of Needs and Committee Initiatives; Representing CB12M at Public Events; Inauguration of the Mayor, Comptroller and Public Advocate; Mayors Rev/Dr Martin Luther King Day Breakfast; Mayor's State of The City Address;
  - Invited CB 12 members and the community to Inauguration of Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez (1/31/10) and Borough Presidents' State of The Borough Address (2/4/10).
  - Discussed MBP Request for CB's Support of a Bill for NYC to Grant Tax Credits to Landlords Renting to Arts & Cultural Institutions (which will be further discussed as Parks & Eco Development Committee Item) as well as MBP January Borough Board Meeting; MBP and Congress member Israel 's Press Conference of Energy Efficiency Subsidies for Small Markets or Bodegas'
- Internal Activities:
  - Track resolutions acknowledges the committee chairs and assistant chairs Tracking the Status of CB12M Resolutions Issued to Municipal Agency's and Public Officials in 2009
  - Meeting with and Appointment of Committee Chairs and Assistant Chairs which include:
    - Land Use – Wayne Benjamin Chair, Anita Barberis, Assistant Chair
    - Youth & Education – George Espinal, Chair – Carole Mulligan Assistant Chair
    - Traffic & Transportation: George Preston, Chair – Yosef Kalinsky Assistant Chair
    - Health & Environment: Steve Simon, Chair – Obie Bing Assistant Chair
    - Concerns of the Aging: Gloria Vanterpool, Chair – Edgard Nau, Assistant Chair
    - Housing & Human Services: Cheryl Pahaham, Chair (Jan – May) Glenda Massa Assistant Chair
    - Parks & Cultural Affairs: Liz Ritter, Chair – George Cruz, Assistant Chair
    - Economic Development: \*Nicole Foster, Chair – Edith Prentiss, Assistant Chair
    - Public Safety: Emilia ( Toni) Cardona Chair ( Jan – May) – Andria Reyes Assistant Chair ( Jan – May)
    - Andria Reyes, Chair as of 6/1/10 - George Fernandez Assistant Chair as of 6/1/10
    - Parliamentarian – James ( Jim ) Berlin
    - Street Activities Permit Committee Chair – Tamara (Tammy) Rivera
    - Webmaster: Dora Maria Abreu
    - \* Tony Lopez on leave from CB12M for business
  - Informed members that Rita McKee has not reapplied for appointment
- Will be submitting an annual report of Community Board 12 M for Mayor's (by 1<sup>st</sup> of March)
- Thanked Cynthia Carrion for serving as the Recording Secretary for 1/26/10 General Meeting. Informed the Board of Mark Levine's resignation from the Board and thanked him for his dedication to CB12M and leadership as Chair of Traffic & Transportation and Chair of the 2006-07 District Manager Search Committee
- Thanked all who participated November's retreat, and reminded Board Members of retreat objectives and recommendations. Notes in board member's packets.

**District Manager's Report, Ebenezer Smith (7:29pm):**

Welcomed elected representatives, members of the public and community board members and is looking to make 2010 even better.

- Receiving complaints from resident that the street on Overlook and Broadway has been milled but not paved. Informed that Con Ed is waiting to contract workers for the paving of the road but delay are due to Con Ed and DOT waiting for a break in the weather higher than 43F degrees.
- Congratulates Tamara Rivera as the CB 12 point person for street applications. New section on CB 12 website for applying for Street Activity Permit: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb12/html/street/street.shtml>
- Encourages everyone to file taxes electronically

- NYC Community Cleanup – Mr. Smith meet with Mr. Anthony Vargas of NYC Community Cleanup to discuss citywide initiative to address neighborhood hotspots by putting low-level offenders to work repairing vandalized locations. Mr. Smith had the opportunity to review result and recommends the program. Mr. Vargas can be reached at 347.327.0728 or [avargas@cleanupnyc.org](mailto:avargas@cleanupnyc.org)
- State of the City Address for – Informed members that the Mayor's State of the City address focused on the following four areas : supporting those hardest hit in tough times; growing small businesses; opportunities for at-risk Black & Hispanic youth; stretching every dollar.
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct: Reported that there is an active investigation following a fatal incident took place at the Vibe Lounge – Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> in the early morning at 203 Audubon Ave and 175<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. Emilia Cardona wanted to know if this is a new establishment and Ms. Maria Luna wanted to clarify if the incident took place inside the establishment, so we do not accuse establishments unfairly. Owner Kelvin Crucey of Vibe Lounge informed members that the altercation did not happen in the establishment. He is also cooperating with police detectives and his Liquor License was granted in 2009. Mr. Crucey expressed his condolences to the family of the victim.
- NYC Department of Health – Manhattan Rodent Initiative: NYC Dept of Health will be inspecting every building and vacant lot in CB 12 Manhattan for rodent activity. If rodent activity is found owners will have 30 days to abate after Commissioner's Order to Abate is issued. Ms. Caroline Bragdon is the contact for this initiative and can be reached at 212.676.2862 Additional information can be found at [www.nyc.gov/rats](http://www.nyc.gov/rats) or by calling 311
- District Attorney's Summer Intern Program: Applications are now being accepted for 2010 Summer Internship program at the Community Affairs Unit NY County District Attorney's Office. Additional information can be requested by contacting Ms. Carol Ragsdale at 212.335.9082
- Community Board 12 M is continuing to work with the US Census. Working with the District 12 Complete Count Sub-committee to plan activities that encourage local residents to fill Census form.
- Informed members of locations in the district for drop off in support of the Haitian Community and that US Government has approved a temporary permanent status (TPS) for Haitians.

#### Motion to Adopt Agenda and Minutes (7:42pm)

As there was a quorum, George Espinal moved to adopt the agenda and was second by Martin Collins; there was no objection. A motion by Emilia Cardona to adopt the December meeting minutes was second by Steve Simon, Zead Ramadan offered an amendment to the spelling of Ramadan, and there was no objection to the motion;

Before beginning special presentations, Cheryl Pahaham acknowledge Nos Quedamos,/Project Remain an organizations focused on Tenants Rights Collaborating with CUNY School of Law, Executive Director Massiel Zucco. Flyers about the organization were made available.

#### Special Report:

Dyckman Institute Fund Scholarship: Presentation of scholarship Recipients by Ross Fromer (included short video of scholars from last year). There are 50 students from CB12 M area that are attending Columbia on scholarship.

- Dyckman Scholar Ilania Feliz was present to accept scholarship and made comments: Feels really privilege to be a recipient of the Dyckman Scholar. Would not have been able to go to Columbia with out this award. Is interested in Teach for America and work place rights. She is very honored to be here and acknowledges her parents for their sacrifices.
- Susan Depree, Sandra Harris, Pam Palanque North, Zead Ramadan, Martin Collina, Steve Simon, and Bob Issac were acknowledged for their support to the program.
- Helen Morik informed members that one of the recipients will be working Cornell this year. Isaiah Bing wanted to know if Columbia works with other CB M; Victoria Benitez replied that Columbia has fund with CB 9. Steve Simon reminded members that the scholarship program began with Dyckman Institute donation. Juan Alonzo asked if Columbia helps students find these scholarships - Mr. Fromer assured that his department works with students through the process and even with the decrease of financial contributions, Columbia is still committed to this community and its students.
- Ms. North thanked Mr. Fromer, scholars, parents and the Dyckman Institute. Recipients and CB 12 Chair Ms. North left the room to take a picture for the Manhattan Times.

Brief Update on Census 2020 by Milagros Vicente (8:02pm): Congratulates all CB 12 members and acknowledges their dedication. Reminded members that the Census is coming on March 15<sup>th</sup> - Every household should receive form in the mail. Passed out information packets and a map of Manhattan that highlights the CB 12 M low response rate compared with our high population. Expressed needing CB 12 members help in getting the word out and urged members to sign partnership agreements to show their support, by giving out information to community or becoming a "Be Counted Center" and site. Census will provide forms, and Census assistance staff (staff provided by Census). Reminded that the forms do not ask for status, social security number. Also informed members of upcoming event on Saturday, January 30 Townhall at Good Shepard Church with Assemblyman Farell. Juan Alonzo asked why he hasn't seen Census trucks in WaHI like in the Bronx? Ms. Vicente informed that the trucks have come to WaHI but there is limited capacity. Steve Simon was concerned about statistics about high vacancy rate in Inwood. Ms. Vicente informed that the Census has a process for counting vacancies. Edith Prentiss asked about the American Community Survey is in the long survey, why has the census cut the long form? Ms. Vicente informed that more people are receptive to the short form. Public question about media coverage for the census, Ms. Vicente informed that they do not have control over media coverage but would love more. Additional question about hiring were asked, which will be made available for the area. Members can call 1866 861- 2010

### **Elected Officials' & Representatives' Reports (8:22pm):**

New York State Assembly Member Adriano Espaillat: Informed members that because CB 12 M did so well with the mail response rate (at 22%) we will not be having a local census office. Asked that we come together as a community to build a coalition of volunteers to assist in the Census workers. Office received help to start the Launch Pad Program to give free legal services in landlord tenant court, which is the bulk of tenet cases (late and non-payments), to free caseload of more complicated cases. Discussed Smart Energy Equipment, which will reduce energy bills by 20 – 50 % for merchants to help keep them in business. NYS Senator Eric Schneiderman and Espaillat have been working together against the Nutcracker Bill to eliminate its distribution. Discussed his support for the Innocent Project, which released Fernando Realiz who was imprisoned for 18 year for a crime I did not commit.

Jaritzza Taveras for Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer (8:28): Wished everyone a Happy 2010. Discussed the CB appointment process and deadlines (Dec 31 - deadline for reapplication and Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – for new applications). By April 1<sup>st</sup> everyone will be sent a letter stating that they will be appointed or not. Reminded and invited everyone to the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> State of the Borough address. Informed members of forums on grants and budgets on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> for area non-profits. BP released new Department of Buildings Report which found 150,000 open violations on building owners and is advocating for stricter enforcement. Report can be found on BP website. BP event New Yorkers for Haiti raised \$150,000 for earthquake relief effort. Edith Prentiss voiced that the BP office failed to provide information that the location would not be accessible, and urged BP to make every effort to have events at accessible locations or make that information available on flyers / outreach materials. Census Count – Everyone needs to be counted.

### Yokarina Duarte for Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez (8:35pm):

- Inauguration of on Sunday, January 31 at IS 218 Salome Urena (4600 Broadway)
- Petition drive to save our public transportation – avoid student cuts, would like 20,000 signatures on petition to stop the cuts on student metro cards
- Elected Chair of Higher Education Committee
- Pledge to sustained efforts to help Haitians
- Cracking down on the illegal sale of alcohol to minors
- Working on promoting equality in FDNY's hiring process

### Council Member Robert Jackson (8:41pm):

- Discussed hearing on education policy of PEP to close 10% of lowest performing schools (referenced his written report). None are in our district but check UFT website for more information.
- Introduced Juan Rosa, his new community liaison
- Congratulated Councilmember Rodriguez for Higher Education committee chair. Voted for Rodriguez because he an effective leader and not Barron
- Budget cuts will impact everyone, but if we work together we can get through this. Must stay focused on community priorities. Number 1: We need job – NYC has a 10.8 unemployment rate.
- Maria Luna acknowledged Jackson's efforts and pledges support

Frank Hess for NYS Assemblymember Herman D. Farrell, Jr. (8:47pm): Encouraged members to participate in Coogan's Salsa Race on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Reminded everyone of upcoming townhalls at Mt. Sinai and Good Shepherd, additional information on website and referenced the written report.

Yuvelqui Rivera for NYS Senator Eric Schneiderman (8:50pm): Highlighted 3 areas – Partnering with Espaillat to increase penalties on illegal alcohol selling to minors; sponsoring transparency legislation and announced Rockefeller Drug Laws Reform are in effect. Is also supporting Census counting. Referred to written report.

Cynthia Carrion gave announced "Bowling For Haiti" a joint event with Northern Manhattan Community Boards (9, 10, 11 and 12) at Harlem Lanes in February. Additional information will be sent.

### **Public Session (9:01pm)**

Marisa Casellas, Hispanic Federation: Announced WAHI energy-efficiency project– retrofit florescent lighting for small business 155<sup>th</sup> Street and up (must be current on electric and under in \$75,000 in electric bills). Very successful program at no cost to the business owner. Informing community by flyering, presentations at community and Manhattan Events. More information can be found at:

[http://www.hispanicfederation.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&catid=63:events&id=86:greenenergy&Itemid=51](http://www.hispanicfederation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&catid=63:events&id=86:greenenergy&Itemid=51)

George Espinal, 34<sup>th</sup> Percent Council (9:03pm): Announced new website and January, 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to introduce new community affairs staff.

Richard Berbridge, Health Care Reform (9:04pm): Discussed health insurance document.

Edith Prentiss, Go Green Transportation Committee (9:07pm): Informed that the Go Green Committee is doing school programs. MTA has decided that Access-a-Ride will not be door-to-door but just to the local / closest subway and bus stop. Feels a violation of ADA and would like to see it discussed at CB.

Jennifer Zarr, NY Public Library (9:09pm) Discussed Library programs (6 day service). Currently enrolled 200 students for English as second language class, also has adult ESL classes. Advocated the use of library as venue for art presentations. Collaborating with Census and Tax preparation organizations. Is very busy as many job seekers are coming to library. Brought historic book *Washington Heights Manhattan an Eventful Past*, 1924 original.

Mr. X (9: 13pm): Announced Caucus weekend in Albany. Also, took the Census test but is unable to work because he has a criminal record. Expressed "Freddy Kruger" days are number. When Joe Wojak asked if that was a threat Mr. X walked off.

Angelo Ortiz, UNIDOS (9:17pm): Discussed UNIDOS and Drug Free Community Support program. Received a NYS grant to reduce youth alcohol and substance use/abuse and to strengthen community collaborations around youth alcohol use/abuse. A prevention program no treatment modality for at risk youth (one of the only urban sites chosen). Reported that CB 12 has 1 alcohol location per 203 youth. Upcoming meeting on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Was asked to come back at other time to discuss the topic further.

Jose Adamas (9:20pm): Discussed his challenges with the Board of election as he tried to run for 2010 Mayoral race. Ran He to support our children in these schools.

Carmen Acosta, Health Care Education Project (9:23pm): Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Invited all to attend 241 East Harlem – Friendly Hands Ministry. Hoping that together we can come together for supporting health care. Informed that the Association of Progressive Women is starting a program for parents and kids at J's Big Gym- Dancerize and that the National Soccer Foundation is looking for schools to support building soccer teams. Indoor/ all year long. Reach out to CHALK for more information.

#### **Committee Reports (9:29pm)**

##### **Edith Prentiss for the Economic Development Committee:**

During discussion it was discovered that sufficient efforts were not made to have community input on the following renewal or new liquor licenses resolutions:

- #1: recommend SLA REJECT an On-premises Liquor ("OPL") license renewal for Mary K Mac Inc. dba Patrick's Pub (221 Dyckman)
  - Motion to Table passes 30-0-4
- #2: recommend SLA renew a Restaurant Wine license for 1446 Crystal Restaurant Corp. dba Mambi II – (1446 St. Nicholas Ave.)
  - Motion to Table passes 20-6-9
- #3: recommend SLA renew a Restaurant Wine license to La Terraza Restaurant Inc. (3881 Broadway)
  - Motion to Table passes 20-6-9
- #4: recommend SLA renew a Restaurant Wine license to 4931 Capitol Restaurant Inc. dba Capitol Restaurant
  - Motion to Table passes 20-6-9
- #5: recommend SLA renew a Restaurant Wine license to RA Restaurant Inc (398 Audubon Ave.)
  - Motion to Table passes 20-6-9
- #6: recommend SLA renew a TLC livery car base license for RC Audubon Car Service Inc. (2129 Amsterdam Ave.)
  - Passed 32-0-1
- #7: recommend SLA new an On-premises Liquor ("OPL") license for La Estufa (5035 Broadway)
  - Motion to Table passes 20-6-9
- #8: recommend SLA new Restaurant Wine license to Corcho Corp. (231 Dyckman St)
  - Motion to Table passes 20-6-9

Mr. Ramadan informed members that Patrick's has been around for over 90 years and did not think it right to reject their license without any community input or representation. Asked if the office flyer'd the location and surrounding community? Martin Collins also expressed concern and added that we need to flyer and make sure we allow community input. Mr. Smith stated that the CB 12 M District Office sent out letters monthly, but these establishments did not get these letters. Mr. Ramadan suggested that it would be good for committee members review the procedure Ms. Morik stated that if the community has not been notified we cannot vote. Ms. Gomez asked how did others know about the committee meeting? Mr. Smith replied that for renewal you hardly get representatives, and that calls were made to most of those listed establishments. Ms. Gomez motioned to table the discussion since they were not notified. Maria Luna suggests getting CB 12 members to flyer establishments. Steven Simon motions to table the first resolution – Mary K Mac. Glenda Swanson Massa seconds.

Ms. Gomes states that if we are tabling one we should table all if there is not proper notification. Cheryl Pahaham: Not about hurting but fairness GS: Call the questions 9:46 Motion passes to table the first resolution.

Ms. Gomez Motions to table all the resolutions. Jim Berlin states our By Laws state that establishments should have received written notice. Steve Simon: By not notifying the community, we did a disservice. Mr. Ramadan did not agree – we are punishing those that did follow the rules because we made a mistake and suggests pulling the TLC resolution – Audubon car Service. Ms. Foster asks about Corcho Corp, which attended the meeting.

Mr. Simon calls the questions to table all resolutions except #6 passes.

Motion to pass resolution #6 passes.

Wayne Benjamin for the Land Use Committee (10:12pm): Announces open forum to discuss Historic Preservation for Washington Heights and Inwood on February 3, 2010 at the Board Office at 7pm. Referred to committee minutes.

Emilia Cardona for the Public Safety Committee (10:14): Discusses 181 Street Box and that 181<sup>st</sup> will be closed for all street permits. Announces that people who are applying for a Street Activities permit must do so online within 90-day period. With paper application will take longer and not given priority to those that apply online. Welcomes and congratulates Tamara Rivera as the CB 12 point person for street applications.

George Nelson Preston for the Traffic & Transportation Committee (10:16pm) Discussed status of uneven steel plates on West 186<sup>th</sup> St. and rerouting of traffic on 163<sup>rd</sup> and referred to committee minutes.

Steve Simon for the Health & Environment Committee: Will continue to look into the unethical drug trial of Columbia issue for an appropriate response from CB 12 M. We need to have CB 12 member on the IRB. Next meeting will have a presentation on cell phone towers in our community. Referred everyone to the committee minutes.

George Cruz for the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee: Referred everyone to committee minutes.

Cheryl Pahaham for the Housing & Human Services Committee: Referred everyone to minutes

George Espinal for the Youth & Education Committee: Will be following up with School Construction Authority for discussion on air quality testing at PS 18 / IS 278 . Inwood Leadership Academy Charter School will discuss application process and representatives from Community Education Council #6 have also been asked to present.

Gloria Vanterpool for the Committee on Concerns for the Aging : Refers to the committee minutes. Announces grants for caregivers in our area. Free service to those who give support to the ill and homebound, even if out of the home. Please spread the word.

**New Business** (10:20pm): Ms. North reminded everyone to take a look at packet for CB 12 retreat notes and suggestions. Concern about CB 12 home: Building across the street at new Alianza building Department of Citywide Services.  
Contractor went bankrupt we need more specific information  
Suggestion that updates on the relocation process be included in the District Manager's Report.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 10:28pm.

Respectfully submitted: Cynthia Carrión

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Simon, Isaiah Bing, Ernest Kach, Helen Morik, Edgar Nau, Andria Reyes, Beatrice Hall (Public Member). **ABSENT:** Audrey Perez  
**OTHER CB 12 MEMBERS:** Pamela Palanque-North **STAFF:** Ebenezer Smith, District Manager  
**GUESTS:** Sandra Harris, Asst. VP for Government & Community Affairs, Columbia University Medical Center; George Gasparis, Asst. VP & Senior Asst. Dean for Research Ethics and Executive Director, Human Subjects Protection Program (Institutional Review Board), Columbia University Medical Center; Susan Ryan, local resident.

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The chair, Steve Simon, called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m., pointing out that the first item on the agenda deals with a very serious situation that strikes at the heart of Columbia University Medical Center's relationship with the community and the confidence that patients can have in its monitoring of clinical drug trials and their integrity.

**1. Discussion regarding drug trial conducted at Columbia University Medical Center in 1999-2001 that has been questioned by the federal government and current procedures for drug trials**

Background: An article published by the Huffington Post Investigative Fund last October reported that the trial involved an intravenous fluid given to 215 open-heart surgery patients, who were not properly informed that they would be given high doses of the fluid or that they faced a risk of serious bleeding. Some of the patients were Spanish-speaking persons who lived in the community and were admitted through the emergency room, according to people who worked at the hospital at the time, the article states. There evidently were a "substantial number" of medical complications among the participants, which were not reported promptly. The true nature of the study evidently also was not disclosed to the CUMC Institutional Review Board, which is responsible for approving such studies. CUMC disciplined the lead researcher in 2002, and he subsequently left to go to another hospital. For more details, check the [huffingtonpost.com](http://huffingtonpost.com) website.

George Gasparis, Executive Director, CUMC Institutional Review Board, began by noting that he had last attended a committee meeting a few years ago and that it would be beneficial if he came more often, at least once a year. The committee chair agreed and said he would be welcome to attend every six months to update the committee on the many drug trials and other studies at the Medical Center. Gasparis continued as follows:

- "The public should understand what we do to protect human subjects in clinical drug trials."
- He came to Columbia from the federal Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) in June 2003, after the questionable drug trial had taken place and apparently to improve CUMC's drug trial procedures. [OHRP is the agency raising questions about the study more recently.]
- Columbia had already reported the issue concerning the drug trial to OHRP.
- CUMC initially determined "that patients were not harmed and did not have to be contacted."
- The Huffington Post article "was more accurate than not accurate."
- "Subjects were not informed of the purpose of the study."
- "My coming to Columbia was in part a result of this study."
- CUMC doubled IRB staff from 15 to 32, instituted an electronic data system, increased budget, embarked on "massive educational training program" in an effort "to assure ethical conduct of research."
- The Food & Drug Administration conducted two audits of CUMC's Human Subjects Protection Program in 2005 and 2007, looked at 140 sets of minutes and found no cases of non-compliance with federal regulations.
- Seeking accreditation from Assn. of Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs – decision expected in March. If yes, would signify that CUMC's program "performs at a much higher level of quality." Looking at current studies approved by all five Columbia IRBs (4 at Medical Center, 1 at main campus).
- "We report any serious case of non-compliance to the federal government, even if it's not required," which is not done by all academic institutions.
- "I don't see how a study like this would take place today at Columbia...It's an eyesore, an embarrassment, not how we do business."
- "We're in the process of contacting all the patients." Records for 198 of the 200 patients have been found. The 215 figure in the article is not accurate. The letter will be translated into Spanish.
- The patients will be informed "if they were on hetastarch [a substance used in the study], if they had excessive bleeding, if they had re-operations, if they had complications."
- There are now 4 IRBs at the Medical Center in view of the increasing number of trials. A new one was created "for specialized review of cancer research and to spread out the volume."

- Each board has 2 "community" members. [After further discussion, it was clarified that these members are not necessarily from the community but are non-CUMC affiliates and could live anywhere.]
- Sybil Dodson is a "valuable" IRB member and has remained on the board even though she moved to Florida.

Nau: Are you still recruiting patients from the ER? We'd like to know that patients are fully informed and that the consent forms are in Spanish. [Nau is a member of the IRB at the Morningside Heights campus.]

Gasparis: "We want a consent process that is solid. If they're not fully informed, it will hurt the study...If patients are Spanish speaking, we translate the form and discuss it with them and answer their questions."

Simon: What are you advising the patients in case they were harmed by the study? Are you apologizing?

Gasparis: "We're giving every patient or their next of kin the info on what happened. It's very hard to distinguish if excessive bleeding or harm was caused by the trial or would have happened otherwise." He said the patients' length of stay in the hospital was the same as other patients, as well as their mortality rate after five years. "It is difficult to assess harm because there was a small # of subjects in each group. For example, those who received hetastarch had fewer strokes, but we would not say it decreases stroke. We're considering the best way to inform the subjects and may advise them to consult with their physicians."

- 2. Presentation on idling cars and other pollution sources surrounding P.S. 18 and P.S./I.S. 278** – Susan Ryan was invited back since she did not have a chance to show this Powerpoint presentation at the last meeting. The entrance of the Broadway Bridge Wash & Lube car wash is next to the playground used by both schools, separated by a chain-link fence. The car wash has been there since 1948, long before the schools. She argued that the cars are in violation of Local Law 5 of 2009, which prohibits idling of an engine for more than one minute while a car is parking, stopping or standing next to a school. She also showed five bays for oil changes in the station on 220<sup>th</sup> St., which students pass to go to PS 18. The detailing section of the car wash is also a problem. Bing said he has requested info about all the chemicals used by the car wash. He noted that some chemicals in liquid form emit a lot of gases. He plans to review the info but doesn't have the Material Safety Data Sheets. Ryan resumed her presentation by showing photos of an empty lot at Broadway between 219<sup>th</sup> & 220<sup>th</sup> Streets next to PS 278 that belongs to car wash and of smoke apparently emitted from the detailing station. A trash fire occurred at the empty lot on 9/8; it was reported by Time Warner across the street, not by car wash. She wants the list of chemicals used by car wash, how they are stored and disposed of. Local firehouse said they would inspect car wash today. There is no vapor mitigation system in the two schools, where an underground oil leak occurred years ago. Additional testing will be done 1/15 – 1/18. An extended discussion took place regarding the situation at the schools and possible action to be taken to deal with this issue.
- 3. Update on New York-Presbyterian Hospital** – Helen Morik, Vice President, Government & Community Affairs, reported as follows:

  - Julio Batista has been promoted to Director of Community Affairs
  - CB 12 members are invited to the opening of the Milstein Family Heart Center on 1/20 at 11am
  - Construction of the new Pediatric ER is underway at the Children's Hospital. Extraordinary donor has donated \$50M. His wife, Alexandra Cohen, grew up in Washington Heights.
  - In response to the chair's request, spoke to Joe Giglio, the head of the ER, regarding the EMS turnaround time. He believes it has improved. She will invite him to April meeting and suggested FDNY also be invited.
  - Lang Medical Student Program --10-12 students recruited from local junior high schools come to NYPH every Saturday to work with physicians, nurses, technicians. Six graduates from program in May went on to college, hopefully will pursue medical careers. Initial 5-year grant from Eugene Lang ran out; program now being paid for by NYPH. She asked Pamela North, a member of the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone board, about possible UMEZ funding, and Ms. North agreed to work with her on it. [Ms. North also said UMEZ funding for the CUNY-Columbia Health Sciences Internships program should be approved in June.]
  - Continuing relationship with the Community Health Academy sponsored by Community League of the Heights. NYPH mentors 8-10 students, CUMC does a similar number.
- 4. Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Feb. 11 in light of the Borough President's "State of the Borough Address" on the regular meeting date, Feb. 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Simon



## Economic Development Committee 1/5/10

EDC Members Present: Edith Prentiss; Leonardo Blackmam. Nicole Foster, Melanie Hidalgo, Elizabeth Pepin,  
EDC Members Excused: Tony Lopez  
EDC Members Absent: Rolando Cespedas & Ruddy Santana  
CB12 Members Present: Pamela Palanque North  
Staff Member Present: Paola Garcia, Community Service Aide  
Public: Nicole Lugo (Citi Youth map tech) & Jessica Rivers (MAS City Youth Coach); Ramon Cabral (R.C. Audubon Car Service); Biendevenido Jimenez (La Terraza Restaurant); Danilo & Dariana Polanco (Corcho Wine Room); Alex Torres (La Estufa); DI Andrew Capul & Capt Navarro NYPD 34<sup>th</sup> Pct; ? NYPD 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct; Elizabeth Porter (854 W 181) R Engrhard (780 ESD)

**Welcome & Opening Remarks** - Commence Time- Edith Prentiss – Assistant Chair gave a brief introduction about the the committee.

### State Liquor Authority Renewal - On-Premises Liquor License

1. **Mary K Mac Inc.** dba Patrick's Pub (221 Dyckman St, Broadway-Seaman) no representative was present. The 34 Pct reports (9) noise complaints to 311. The Pct agreed that they need to soundproof to be considered for renewal but the Committee voted against renewing their license. EDC 3-1-1; CB 1-0-0; Public 7-0-0
2. **GT Vinoteca Inc** dba Vinoteca Lounge [aka Red Room] (1 Bennett Ave, 181-184 St) no representative was present. The 34 Pct reports (23) noise complaints to 311. They need to sound proof to be considered for renewal. A representative must attend the 2/2 EDC meeting to be considered for a renewal.

### State Liquor Authority Renewal - Restaurant Wine License

3. **1446 Crystal Restaurant Corp.** [Mambi II] (1446 St. Nicholas Ave, 182-183 St.) (1 no representative was present. 34 Pct has no objection to a renewal. EDC: 5-0-0; CB 1-0-0; Public 5-0-0
4. **La Terraza Restaurant Inc.** (3881 Broadway, 162 St.) Biendevenido Jimenez (representative) was present but left before reporting.. 33 Pct has no objection to a renewal. EDC: 5-0-0; CB 1-0-0; Public 7-0-0
5. **4931 Capitol Restaurant Inc.** dba Capitol Restaurant (4933 Broadway, 204-207 St.) no representative was present. The restaurant is not wheelchair accessible. 34 Pct has no objection to to a renewal. EDC: 5-0-0; CB 1-0-0; Public 1-0-0
6. **R A Restaurant Inc.** (398 Audubon Ave, 185<sup>th</sup> St.) no representative was present. 34<sup>th</sup> Pct expressed concern that there have been allegations of domino games (gambling) in the back room but have no objection to a renewal. EDC: 4-0-0; CB 0-0-1; Public 3-0-4

### Taxi & Limousine Commission Renewal of Livery Car Base License

7. **R.C. Audubon Car Service Inc** (2129 Amsterdam Ave, 166 St.) Ramon Cabal (representative) They are affiliated with Vincent's New York to provide wheelchair accessible service. They are interested in partaking in an ongoing dialogue with the community about problem caused by drivers eating, parking, toileting, and idling vehicles. EDC: 5-0-0; CB 0-0-1; Public 1-0-0

### State Liquor Authority New Applications - On-Premises Liquor License:

8. **812 Pine Corp.** [formerly Jessie's Place] – 812 W 181 St, (Pinehurst) No representative was present. The applicant notified the Board they were applying for a SLA license in 11/09 without a phone number and with a wrong return address (812 Pinehurst St). Another letter was received on 12/14 again with out a phone number but their correct address. The CB office did not send the form letter instructing the owners to attend the 01/10 EDC meeting. There are menus (Japanese/Thai) at the restaurant but neither the 34<sup>th</sup> Pct nor committee



members have ever found anyone there. Therefore the Pct has not had the opportunity to do a walk through. The Pct would be happier if the new owner (who own Ta Cosina on FWA) was applying for a restaurant wine license. A representative must attend the 2/2 EDC meeting to be considered for a license.

9. La Estufa (5035 Broadway, 214 St.) Alex Torres (owner) It has been successfully operating with a restaurant wine license for 3 years and are now applying for an on-premises liquor license. Although there are 2 small steps (about 5 inches) they have an accessible bathroom! Their menu is Dominican American and Italian. Their food is predominately grilled or broiled they avoid deep fried dishes. They are open from 11 AM to 11 PM and now serve brunch 7 days a week. The 34<sup>th</sup> Pct has no objection to their application for an on premise liquor license. EDC: 5-0-0; CB 1-0-0; Public 7-0-0

10. Amistad [formerly Las Reynas Restaurant Inc] (2178 Amsterdam Ave, 168 St) No representatives were present. According to the 33 Pct, these are new owners. If it were a renewal, they would have objected. A representative must attend the 2/2 EDC meeting to be considered for a license.

#### **State Liquor Authority New Applications - Tavern Wine License**

11. Corcho Corp.[Corcho Wine Room] (mailing address 227 Dyckman St; 231 Dyckman St Broadway & Seaman Ave between El Sole & a clothing store) Danilo & Dariana Polanco (owners) They will be open 2:30 PM to 1 AM Mon-Th and until 3 AM Fri-Sun. They intend to be a relaxed sophisticated beer/wine bar with a light menu (serving until midnight), similar to Vino Veritas. They soundproofed the ceiling and the wall next to El Sole. They will have ambient music with possibly weekly performances by local musicians. They have applied for a sidewalk café. They have 7 security cameras. Both the venue and their toilet are wheelchair accessible. The 34<sup>th</sup> Pct has no objection to their application for a tavern wine license. EDC: 5-0-0; CB 1-0-0; Public 7-0-0

#### **New Business**

The Committee went into an Executive Session called by CB 12 M Chair, Pamela Polanque North to discuss the development of new procedures for paperwork management regarding EDC SLA resolutions.

**Minutes recorded by Nicole Foster & prepared by Edith Prentiss**

# Land Use Committee Meeting - Minutes

January 6, 2010

## Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair  
Dora Maria Abreu  
James Berlin  
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair  
Isaiah Bing

## Committee Members Absent

Tamara Rivera  
Richard Allman

## Board Members

Cheryl Pahaham

## Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

Staffer: Deborah Blow

Guests: Nicole Lugo – Map Technician, Jessica Rivera – Citi youth Coach for MAS, Matt Sloane – MBPO Planning Intern; Edwin Marshall – City Planning, Daniel Bader – Manhattan Times

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin suggested to the Land Use Committee (“Land Use” or the “Committee”) that, in follow up to the discussions at the December 09 Land Use meeting concerning engaging the board and the public in matters pertaining to zoning and planning, the March 2010 LU meeting be dedicated to a zoning ABCs workshop and training session to be lead by the Manhattan Borough President’s Office (MBPO). The goal of the workshop and training seminar would be to demystify zoning regulations and land use procedures, clarify what zoning means, how land use procedures work and how zoning can be used as tool to achieve community planning goals. The Committee concurred. A copy of the MBPO’s Land Use & Zoning 101 PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the Committee for reference. This presentation or a modified version thereof will be used as the basis for the March 2010 workshop.
3. Planning intern Matthew Sloane updated the Committee on his work on the proposed rezoning of C8 districts in Washington Heights and Inwood. The Committee was advised that C8 zoning districts prohibit residential use and are intended for intensive commercial use - typically automotive, hardware and related - and are generally mapped along major arterial roadways. Matt noted that the existing land use patterns surrounding four of the six C8 zoning districts in Washington Heights and Inwood do not reflect intensive commercial use of an automotive or hardware nature. Initial recommendations for rezoning three of these four C8 zones call for contextual residential zoning with commercial overlays. The fourth C8 district, on Dyckman Street between Staff Street and Broadway, requires further study because any rezoning that increases density would permit development that would block views of the Cloisters from Dyckman Street. It was suggested that CB12-M’s Parks and Culture committee and NYC Parks Department be consulted in connection with rezoning proposals for this site, which is surrounded on three sides by parkland, in order to determine the desire to maintain scenic views or to establish a scenic view easement. [In follow up discussions subsequent to the meeting Mr. Benjamin learned that the area of the Dyckman Street C8 zoning district is indeed of concern to both CB12-M Parks and Culture and NYC Parks and has requested further detail on these concerns and comments on factors that should be considered in the context of evaluating rezoning alternatives.]
4. Edwin Marshall of the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) briefed the Committee on DCP’s proposed Residential Streetscape Zoning Text Amendment (the “Amendment”) which was issued for comment in November 09 and requires comment by the end of January 2010. Mr. Marshall stated that the intent of the Amendment is primarily to address what happens in the front yards of

one- and two-family buildings in low-density zoning districts. These considerations do not apply to Community District 12. However, two provisions of the Amendment that pertain to CD12 – curb cut and garage height regulations. Edwin noted that CD12's current R7 and R8 zoning does not provide for any limitations on the number, width or location of curb cuts. The Amendment would disallow curb cuts in R8B and R7B districts (these are contextual residential zoning districts), which are generally of a brownstone scale. It would also require sites that front on both a wide street and a narrow street to place any curb cut on the narrow street, limit buildings with 50 units or less to one curb cut, limit buildings with more than 50 units to two curbs cuts, which must be at least feet apart, and disallow curb cuts on sites that front only on wide streets. It was noted that multiple curb cuts on commercial streets interrupt retail storefronts, reduces the amount of retail space reduces the availability of on-street parking and that curb cuts in townhouse/brownstone scale blocks interrupts the continuity of the streetscape and reduces the availability of on-street parking. The Committee was advised that if the Amendment is adopted it would not be retroactive and the owners of sites impacted by it could seek a variance through BSA if a curb cut was deemed necessary for a new development project. The Committee asked various questions related to the proposed disallowance of curb cuts and the intent of the garage height limitation in multiple dwelling buildings and noted that it did not have sufficient information to consider a resolution. Mr. Marshall agreed to get back to the Committee with answers to the questions posed and noted that since this matter is not subject to ULURP the deadline for comments is somewhat more flexible. [In a January 15<sup>th</sup> email Mr. Marshall provided responses to the Committee's questions noting that the disallowance of curb cuts on wide street applies only to site that have access on both wide and narrow streets and that the garage height limitation is intended to bring zoning regulation in compliance with ADA regulations that establish 10 feet as the minimum garage height (to accommodate vans designed for the disabled) as opposed the six-foot maximum garage height that currently applies to R3-R5 zoning districts and to allow the height of the garage to be measured from the base plane instead of the curb level (this permits greater flexibility and allows for changes in topography) in higher density districts such as R7 and R8].

5. LU committee member Obie Bing asked Edwin Marshall if there was any clarification on the legality, from a zoning perspective, of the hotel project on 181<sup>st</sup> Street, west of Amsterdam Avenue. Mr. Marshall indicated that the site appears to be within the required distance of a limited access highway necessary for a hotel to be permitted as-of-right pursuant to zoning. Mr. Benjamin noted that at the December 2009 General Meeting board member Helen Morik indicated that she knew the developer and would contact him concerning attending a meeting to discuss the project. The district Manager will be requested to follow up with Helen on this matter.
6. The Committee agreed to devote the February 2010 LU meeting to a discussion of next steps related to the designation of additional individual historic buildings and historic districts. The Committee will request the assistance of the Manhattan Times, fellow board members and office staff to outreach to interested parties.
7. The Land Use meeting adjourned at t 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne A. Benjamin

Committee for the Concerns for Aging  
January 12, 2010

Committee Members Present

Gloria Vanterpool, Edgar Nau, Glenda Swanson-Massa

Guests

Alberta Morgan--- Jewish Home Life Care

Elizabeth Alvarado—Caregiver Support Program (Isabella Geriatric)

Verna Arthur --- Dept. for the Aging, Norma De Candido, Juan I. Rosa-Councilman

Robert Jackson's Office, Ethel Linder Stoll, Marilyn Pacheco-Isabella Geriatric Ctr.,

Diana L. Nobile-Hernandez-ARC, Deborah Cochran-JHL Community Services, Angie Soto, Sonya Prystayko-Geriatric Outreach project

Staff: Paola Garcia

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Meeting opened @ 10:15am by Chairperson Gloria Vanterpool

Warm welcome was extended to all and all those present introduced themselves.

Old Business

A review of the discussion at our last meeting surrounding the changes in Food Service in our Senior Centers. Ms Hernandez, Assistant Director at ARC Center was asked to share with those present how the new ruling was received at her center. She mentioned that the change was accepted with a minimum of complaints. On-going education will be given explaining the reason for the change. The committee will follow up with other centers to see how the seniors are accepting the change.

Senior Corner / Manhattan Times

Again it was noted that our local newspaper "Manhattan Times " will be posting a column each month named "Senior Corner". An invitation is extended for those persons wishing to contribute an article, poem etc. to contact the Chairperson .

New Business

**Ms. Morgan of Jewish Home Life Care** spoke to the group about the services offered by her agency and appealed for volunteers to assist with the services, particularly with their "Computer Training at Home for Seniors" . This is a new service and volunteers are trained to help seniors use their computers at home. One of the volunteers from the program spoke about her experience with the seniors.

**Ms. Elizabeth Alvarado of Caregiver Support Program** discussed the introduction of a new program in our Washington Heights as well as Community Bd. 10 and 11. This program will provide assistance to individuals coping with the demands of caregiving. It is important that any caregiver providing any kind of assistance to an individual, major or otherwise, seek help from this program. In addition, they are developing Elderpedia, a

website that caregivers can utilize to locate community resources. This program represents the growing efforts of Isabella Geriatric and area partners to create opportunities to serve senior residents and their families. The partners include N.Y. University, Upper Man. Partnership for Senior Independence and others

#### **Senior Citizen Centers Visit**

Keeping the committee's goals for this year, the Chairperson visited the Nagle Y and sat in on their monthly advisory council meeting. An invitation was extended to those who were present to attend our monthly meeting. Hopefully all of the centers will receive a visit from the committee. before the year is over.

Note: Post offices in our community will be contacted to discuss the service.

Next meeting February 9, 2010 @ 10am

Tentative speaker Older Adults Institute

**Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 13, 2010**

**Committee Member**

Emilia Cardona, Chair  
Andria Reyes  
George Fernandez  
Julissa Gomez

**Committee Absentees**

George Cruz  
Rev. Antonio Almonte(excused)

**Board Members Attending**

George Espinal

**Staff:**

**Guests:** Joselinne Minaya-Manhattan DA's Office, PO Robinson Hewitt, PO Emily Lopez-NYPD 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct., PO Manon Micauly, Sgt. Cariana Purseilla, Sgt. John Maguire-NYPD 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct., PO Albert Triana-34<sup>th</sup> Pct. Fe Florimon, Resident, PO Christian Perez-34<sup>th</sup> Pct, PO Kevin Kelly-34<sup>th</sup> Pct., Sarah Banda-NMIC, DI Andrew Capul, Capt. Navarro, Chief Executive Officer-NYPD 34<sup>th</sup> Pct., Montera Velazquez-JEM, Candice Delevante, Samuel Richardson, Project Renewal, Carlos Batista, Margarita Guzman-NMIC Legal Services, Dr. Gary Altheim-GDS, Sasha Nehaahvja-Family Peace Program, NYPH

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Meeting convened at 7:10pm Emilia Cardona

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and ask the group to introduce itself.

Due to an extensive outreach we were able to have more of a gathering. The theme of the meeting was domestic violence and gang related issues which affect our community and homes.

At that last moment some of our invited guests cancelled due to unforeseen changes in their schedules (DOVE & Dominican Women Development Center).

- Social Worker – Sasha Nehaahuja stated that their organization works in conjunction with the DOVE program which assists children who have been exposed to Domestic Violence conditions.
- The following crime stats are for your information:

**33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct**

Murder	2	3
Rape	18	15
Robbery	246	220
Fel. Assault	185	192
Burglary	135	131
Gr. Larceny	258	227
GLA	76	68
Total	920	856

**34<sup>th</sup> Precinct**

Murder	3	2
Rape	19	17
Robbery	270	249
Fel. Assault	217	197
Burglary	242	253
Gr. Larceny	432	379
GLA	144	139
Total	1327	1236

- The vision is to provide excellent police service, continue crime reduction and work on the smaller issues in quality of life matters that haven't gotten more attention.
- DV cases have continued to drop in the 34<sup>th</sup> Pct.
- NYPD is hoping that 2010 will continue to improve and there will be significant changes in the patterns of DV and gang related incidents.
- DI Joseph Dowling stated that there is a change in the law that now provides protection to individuals in intimate relationships, not just husband & wife in a marriage.
- This is increasing the number of incidents reported. It will take a year to gather data to be able to determine the affect the changes in the law have created.
- Some stats were provided: there were 800 visits and 55 arrests.
- The Pcts. focus on the problems and solutions in DV cases.
- The goal in DV cases is to restrict the violence in the home and arrests only when necessary.
- Record year 70% down in DV incidents, have had 1 DV homicide, perp was arrested.
- PS Chair ask: How many officers do you have? response: 1 Sgt. 2 Officers assigned to Domestic Violence out of a total of 165 officers.
- Suggestion: Voice of the community needs to be heard, letters to Commission Kelly re; staff increases in both precincts could help.
- In the matter of teenagers (domestic violence) teens are now allowed to get orders of protection
- Chair asked if it would possible to provide DV information to the youth who receive services from the various CBOs. The response from Sgt. Triana was that there would be no problem doing outreach.
- Robert De La Rosa said he would assists with outreach to the parent/teacher organizations and connect them to the precincts.
- Ms. Minaya shared that prior to working for the DA's office she use to be a DV counselor. DA's office has a family violence bureau. DV is a top priority for the new DA.
- Domestic Violence is a priority in both precincts.
- There are many resources that are available to us in getting the word out: mailings, schools, parent groups and community based organizations as well this meeting tonight.

Chair thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted by George Fernandez, typed by D. Blow



Chair Levine opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

Reviewed the Pilot Proposal to test livery stands sponsored by the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission.

First, only privately owned locations are stipulated along with a business plan which would include names of partners, insurance, number of employees and vehicles, hours of operation to mention only a few of the criteria. We (Edith Prentiss volunteered to spearhead this effort) will confer with our elected officials to determine the viability of this program in our community, given the constraints of privately owned locations (like shopping malls) and hundreds and livery cars based in our community.

Josh Orzeck updated us on various DOT projects in our community.

- Dyckman Greenway Set up a workshop with the stakeholders in March or April to gather input. Require the Sherman Creek Study first as it impacts.

- 181<sup>st</sup> Street Traffic Study will be presented this spring. Questions raised as to the gridlock at 181<sup>st</sup> St & St. Nicholas. Although heavy ticketing, on-duty traffic agents would further facilitate the flow of traffic.

- 162<sup>nd</sup> St and St Nicholas addressed at a public meeting of this committee on February. 2. This is not addressing Edgecombe Avenue crosswalks.

- U-Can banners on Dyckman will be removed as concern no longer a viable entity. Guidelines state that 90-day permits available for community groups.

- Paving of 187 east to west missed Overlook Terrace. Contractor will be advised to complete the job.

- Uneven plates on 186-187 Sts Overlook Terrace and at 739 West 186<sup>th</sup> St. An inspector will be sent to the site to determine resolution.

Bus parking on Ft. Washington Ave. at 168-9 block for Armory Track meets causing major congestion on a very busy street. There are guidelines set for the school busses and the Armory needs to remind the drivers of their responsibility. We will reach out to our elected officials for their help in this endeavor.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anita Barberis