

Community Board 12, Manhattan
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole -July 26, 2005, 711 West 168th Street

Board Members Present

Dora Maria Abreu	Adam Eggers	Albania Jimenes	Julio Rodriguez
Anita Barberis	Julissa Gomez	Glenda Swanson Massa	Nelson Rojas
Raquel Batista	Andre Harris	Jay Mazur	Cleofis Sarete-Cabral
James Berlin	Fern Hertzberg	Renato Mena	Manny Velazquez
Martin Collins	Eduardo Hoepelman	Julio Peguero	Janifer Wilson

7PM - Chairperson M. Collins welcomed board members and community residents

Motion by Glenda Swanson Massa to **adopt the agenda** and seconded by Fern Hertzberg. No objection

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Chair's Report: Martin Collins

-Sherman Creek: Sept.-review housing opportunities, Oct- feedback of prior meeting, Dec-EIS study complete, Spring 2006- ULURP, Nov.-grounding breaking of street end parks.

-School Construction Authority: Looking at various sites for schools--- EIS not complete on Northern Academy, Bakery on Dyckman, 204 Academy St. and old 33rd Precinct. SCA wants to meet with Community Board.

-Sanitation & Police: 155-171 is 58% acceptably clean, additional sweepers never arrived, multi-language material needed, no sanitation officers-share one with District 9, Bronx 7 & 8 sanitation trucks passing through our community affect our quality of life. Not enough police in our community as demonstrated by the mayhem on July 4 & 5.

-Audubon Partnership – Aug 4 Adopt a basket

-Dyckman Job Center – search is till on for 40-55,000 sq ft for a new location.

-RFQ for Urban Planning Consultant Svces. Selected City College Architectural Center to do the neighborhood study and planning assessment.

District Manager's Report: Renee Tirado

-Did budget consultations with Martin Collins with city agencies. In summary:

Sanitation (DOS)- WHI has the largest garbage collection in the city with 14.5 tons of refuse per day and we have 13 to 21 collection trucks and three basket pickup trucks per day. We requested budget allocations for equipment, enforcement and educational outreach.

Buildings (DOB)- There are 155 new inspectors, only 12 designated for Manhattan. Requested new liaison.

33rd Police Precinct- Ranks third in the city and first in Manhattan for reduction of major crimes (16%) Requested more manpower for community policing, civilian office personnel and new vehicles. Transportation (DOT)- WHI should identify locations for complete street reconstruction as there is long lead time. Advised that a study will be conducted re congestion on 181 St.

Environmental Protection (DEP)-WHI requested fire hydrant wenchers for our precincts and fire departments as we have the highest incident of open fire hydrants in the city.

FYI: August 2- National Night Out against Crime in Highbridge Park, free walking program hosted by Parks Dept. through Aug 27 at J. Hood Wright Park, Senior centers opened as

cooling centers until 4:30PM., 26 grants for first time buyers available from West Harlem Group Assistance

Recognition of Steve Ramos, Associate Executive Director of Fresh Youth Initiative- NY1's New Yorker of the Week (July 15, 2005). Steve, as a young man, saved the food pantry, which is run out of a basement of a church in Inwood. Here, young people filled bags with food to be distributed to homebound elderly, homeless and anyone in need of food. It not only provided meaningful service for the young people, but it also provided a service of emergency food relief.

Public Session:

Manuel Sandafor: Free classes in African-Brazilian martial arts given at Highbridge Monday & Wednesday 6-7PM. Requesting assistance in fund raising.

Isaac Kremer-Audubon Partnership: Resource in WHI for Art Deco Monuments of NoMa. WHI has the largest concentration of art deco in Manhattan and the USA. Publicize these facts to the building owners and tour busses

Ted McGee, resident: Heavy traffic of NYS DEP dump trucks racing from 225th St through Broadway & Nagle Ave. 6:30AM and 3-4PM daily. This will be going on for the next 2 years.-need to redirect this traffic which is polluting our neighborhood. Contacted both the Borough President's office as well as M. Martinez' office and had no response from either one. Requesting the Community Board's assistance

Susan DeVries, Dyckman Farmhouse: Farmhouse will be open August 12, Wed-Sat 12-4pm. Museum is not et finished. You are invited to two concerts – August 11 and September 8 at 6:30pm

James Stovall, United Palace: He is the Assistant Director for the past three years. Built by the Loews family in 1925. Converting to an art center and the exterior will be finished over the next two years.

Public Officials Reports:

Cindy Espinosa of Miguel Martinez office: Reviewed the restored \$300 million in services made by the City Council. Zead Ramadan queried: How much of that restored money is coming to our community?

Lillian Perez of Eric Schneiderman's Office: Following legislation sits on the Governor's desk: Emergency contraception and the Rockefeller Drug Law –may have to go back in August. Lots of complaints about noise and garbage, in particular the Tubby Hook area. One year waiver of fees charged for summer programs at schools.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm
Respectfully submitted by: A. Barberis