

**Community Board 12, Manhattan**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**June 24, 2003**

**Members Present**

Mason Almeida	Mireya Cruz	Elizabeth Lorris Ritter
Anita Barberis	Walther G. Delgado	Maria Luna
Rafael Beaumont	Sybil R. Dodson	Jay D. Mazur
Wayne Benjamin	Rafael Escaño	Benjamin Mantell
James Berlin	Luis Facundo	Renato Mena
Aidee Camacho	Peter Ferrara	Helen Morik
Kotie Cannon	Leslie Foster	Dr. Pamela Palanque North
Emilia G. Cardona	Beatrice Hall	Julio Peguero
Nelson Castro	Joyce F. Holland	Ron Peterson
Martin Collins	Mark Levine	Zead Ramadan

**Members Absent**

Nelson Rojas
Rose Santo
Steve Simon
Socrates S. Solano
Dago Suarez
Glenda Swanson Massa
Bienvenido Toribio
Milagros Vicente
Sandra Wachspress
Homer Young-Kennedy III

Jose Lopez
Kirk Miller (exc.)
Barbara Smith Ramos
Julio Rodriguez
Juan F. Sanchez
Gloria Vanterpool
Msgr. Gerald Walsh (exc.)
Elouise Whitehurst (exc.)

**Call to Order** at 7:25pm. **Motion to adopt the agenda** by Martin Collins; seconded by, unanimous. **Motion to accept April minutes** by Sybil Dodson; seconded by Beatrice Hall; unanimous. **Motion to accept May minutes** by Bienvenido Toribio; seconded by Dago Suarez; unanimous.

**Chair's Report:** Zead Ramadan

- 06/10/03 Interagency Task Force, including representatives from the Mayor's Office, EDC, City Planning and DOT as to how best to approach Sherman Creek development. Looking at rezoning; currently it is industrial. Met with the Executive Committee, which requested that a representative of the Board be appointed to the Task Force.
- The garage at 184<sup>th</sup> Street will be built, with a Staples Store and a Bally's Gym. This is the first time a Board has attracted "big-box" businesses to come into the community. Construction will begin in the Fall of 2003.
- SLA resolution: NYS Liquor Authority should collaborate with the Board to avoid duplication of services and negative establishments acquiring licenses. This is not just a CB12 issue; other boards have made the same complaints. All of the Manhattan Boards now are working together at the Borough level to make the SLA responsive to Boards and follow the state law requiring community input.
- New Members were asked to introduce themselves to the membership.
- Executive Board wants to create a Planning Task Force. Other boards throughout the City similarly are concerned with zoning and planning issues in their areas. Several planners came to the Executive Committee and shared information on planning and zoning. The Board has to be included in this process. Last large-scale zoning initiative in NYC was in the 1960s.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee asked each of the candidates to make a one-minute presentation. The candidates for second vice chair were given specific questions so they could incorporate their answers into their presentation. The other candidates made brief comments regarding their candidacy, followed by the candidates for first vice chair. During his comments, Luis Facundo graciously declined to run for the position; leaving it uncontested. After an explanation of the balloting procedure, members cast their ballots and the committee members adjourned to count the ballots while the meeting continued.

**District Manager's Report:** Gregoria Feliciano; no report due to family illness.

**8:10pm Public Session:**

Manny Velasquez, Movimed: planning to open a non-emergency para-transit service. There currently are no such services in Manhattan north of Harlem, and this is a problem for health care in this community. Movimed would be committed to providing services only in the Washington Heights area. Looking for letter of support for certification. Application referred to the Health & Environment Committee.

William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation: spoke regarding Intro 160, clarifying the purpose of the proposed legislation, which itself seeks to clarify the NYC administrative code with regard to a permitting process for selling art in NYC parks. In response to many questions, various points were clarified: Intro 160 will not restrict veterans rights; the selection lottery will be open to all who apply, irrespective of content of their work; selections will be made based on the number of permits to be granted, not based on the items being sold.

Felix Morales, NY Public Library, Fort Washington Branch: New Supervising Librarian. Described summer programs and gave contact information.

Lynn Opinante, Washington Heights Branch NYPL: Thanked public for its support, which resulted in 5-day service. Described summer programs.

Percio Bernal, Social Worker, Growth Development Services: a not-for-profit program for at-risk adolescents that offers a summer camp in August: two one-week sessions separated by age. Program includes case management, after school, phone buddies, etc. Described intake and referral processes; offered brochures; info: 212-740-7040.

The public session was interrupted so that the Nominating Committee could give the election results. Thirty-nine votes were cast, of which one was disqualified due to not having been signed, as is required by City Charter.

Zead Ramadan, Chair	37	Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary	38
Sybil Dodson, 1st Vice Chair	36	Anita Barberis, Ass't Secretary	37
Martin Collins, 2nd Vice Chair	38	Glenda Swanson Massa, Treasurer	38

Ms. Hall thanked the committee members for their work.

Ms. Gloria Amalfitano, UFT: spoke regarding a ballot initiative to form a charter commission to amend the NYC Charter to mandate a cap in public school class sizes. Twenty states have such regulations, as do other municipalities. This ballot initiative is not to make specific recommendations, but to form a commission to examine the issue. The commission would develop a proposed charter revision for the '04 ballot. Ms. Amalfitano was invited to attend the Youth & Education Committee in September to do additional outreach on this item, should it make it onto the ballot in November.

Brian Monaghan, community resident, spoke in support of renaming corner of 218<sup>th</sup> St. & Seaman Ave. in honor of his son who died 9/11.

Bryan Sharpe, Pre-paid Legal Services Inc.: this is a for-profit business providing pre-paid legal services for a monthly flat rate, enabling members to have an attorney on retainer. Described individual, family and small business plans; distributed brochures; gave out contact info.

Leslie Foster, Isabella Geriatric Center: regarding concerns about closing of the 191<sup>st</sup> Street 1&9 train station. Also spoke regarding lap robe program, where volunteers crochet or knit lap blankets for residents. Jim Berlin, Traffic & Transportation Chair, clarified MTA plans for closure of the 191<sup>st</sup> Street train station, which will involve increasing number of regular buses along that route, rather than using dedicated shuttle bus. Urged the community to be vigilant and to report any service deficiencies to the Board for follow-up.

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, School Districts 6 and 2 parent: spoke in support of class size ballot item and urged people to sign petition.

George Espinal, Friends of Payson Avenue: detailed various violent crimes in the last month, including several shootings, some fatal. Is concerned that if crimes are going down, why are they going up in the area of Payson Avenue and Inwood Hill Park. Homer Young Kennedy III asked how it's

possible for this info not to square with COMSTAT info. Dr. Pamela Palanque North commented that in meetings with the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> precinct homicide statistics show up while they are still under investigation.

## 9:15 Public Officials

Councilman Robert Jackson:

- gave a brief report on the city's fiscal conditions in the absence of a budget for FY'04 and changes in personal income and real estate taxes.
- is attempting to restore cuts for vital city services.
- spoke in support of the class size petition.
- is hiring two summer youth as personal effort to restore Summer Youth Employment Program; is encouraging each councilman to do the same.
- In response to a question regarding advice for new Board members on issues and directions for future, discussed economic impact in this community in terms of loss of jobs; the chaos, and also job loss, in School District 6 due to restructuring of the schools; the balance of commercial vs. residential development, particularly the expansion of Columbia Univ.
- noted that the Parks Department plans to build a new playground in Highbridge Park at W. 157<sup>th</sup> Street and Edgecombe Ave. utilizing city funds and a donation of play equipment from a private company. Thanks also to the Community League of the Heights for its involvement.

Councilman Miguel Martinez:

- echoed comments and concerns raised by Councilman Jackson, particularly with regard to no budget, and support of funding for city services.
- spoke regarding funds for use of former 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct: funds allocated to ACS for daycare in that site is still in budget, but ACS does not control the space. There are a variety of reasons why the space cannot be retrofitted for Head Start/ Pre-K, but it is hard to agree to turn the monies over to the Department of Education since it wants to use the space for offices instead of classrooms.
- spoke in support of Executive Committee resolution regarding the formulation of a planning task force, or a standing Planning Committee. Would like to see it linked to a not-for-profit organization. Ms. Dodson: agrees the task force should be a standing committee as Councilman Martinez recommends. Dr. Pamela Palanque North: requested that Public Safety be included in the planning process.
- spoke in support of resolutions to add names to several street corners in CB12.
- advised of an upcoming event later this month to honor several community board members for Jewish Heritage Month.
- spoke regarding increased enforcement to crackdown on illegal fireworks.
- responded to several question questions regarding funding for institutional programs for seniors.

Police Officer Sanchez, 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Affairs, spoke about several initiatives to manage public hazard of fireworks. Announced upcoming Precinct Community Council meetings, and upcoming "night out against crime" on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 9:55 Committee Reports

Traffic & Transportation Committee, Jim Berlin, Chair: Introduced three resolutions to add names to streets, as follows:

- adding the name "Alejandro Cordero Way" on the southwest corner of W. 164<sup>th</sup> Street and Fort Washington Ave.
- adding the name "Staff Sgt. Riayan Agosto Tejeda Street" to the northeast corner of W. 180<sup>th</sup> Street at St. Nicholas Ave.
- adding the name "Brian Patrick MonaghanWay" on the southwest corner of W. 218<sup>th</sup> Street and Seaman Ave.

All passed unanimously (37 votes) in a single roll call vote.

Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee, Emilia Cardona, Chair: Introduced resolution in support of Intro #160. Accepted friendly amendment to modify the 3<sup>rd</sup> whereas. Resolution passed 33-0-2.

Executive Committee, Zead Ramadan, Chair: Introduced resolution to create a Planning Task Force.

Motion by Nelson Castro to change "Task Force" to "Standing Committee"; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sybil Dodson. During discussion on this issue, Mr. Berlin argued that the Task Force would educate the whole board, but that the whole board is a planning board and we would all be part of the committee. Walther Delgado argued that we didn't need an additional committee or task force as we have the Land Use Committee, which should be expanded to include Planning. There were several speakers in support of the idea of planning, but there was some disagreement as to the best structure to achieve this goal. Mr. Ramadan pointed out that "Land Use" reacts, whereas "Planning" is more proactive. We have not, as a board, been able to do serious prospective planning and zoning. Socrates Solano made, and subsequently withdrew, a motion to table, which had been seconded by Aidee Comacho. Discussion of the relative merits of being a "Task Force" or a "Standing Committee" continued until the question was called by Mr. Young Kennedy III and seconded by Ms. Lorris Ritter; passed unanimously. Vote on amendment did not pass: 16-13-5. (The vote failed to get more than 50% affirmative votes.)

There was no further discussion of resolution regarding Creation of Community Planning Task Force, which passed 33-1-2-1.

(10:45pm)Economic Development Committee, Martin Collins, Chair: upcoming meetings 7/16 and 9/ 2. Maria Luna asked Mr. Collins to provide a report in September of how many liquor licenses are approved over the summer.

Land Use Committee, Maria Luna, Chair: next meeting, 9/3.

Health & Environment Committee, Steve Simon, Chair: next meeting 9/2. Advised of ongoing discussions with the NYPH regarding midwife coverage and certification. Also noted that Highbridge and other pools are opening this weekend.

Housing & Human Services Committee, Beatrice Hall, Chair: referred to the minutes in the folders and announced an informational hearing on July 8<sup>th</sup> regarding Esperanza Center's plan to develop a potential community residence site for four developmentally disabled adults.

Youth & Education Committee, Sandra Wachspress, Chair: gave update on new Region 10 Superintendent Lucille Swarns. Will follow up on issues raised here tonight. Will resume meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Public Safety Committee, Dr. Pamela Palanque North, Chair: Reminded the Board of bus tour to look at various locations and to educate as to actual conditions on July 2<sup>nd</sup>; encouraged participation. Next committee meeting will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Committee for the Aging, Glenda Swanson Massa, Acting Chair: update on improvements to services at Social Security office. Next meeting 9/9.

Mr. Ramadan briefly addressed the issue of committee chairmanships and composition. Applauded efforts of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs in the past year.

Good & Welfare: Maria Luna announced retirement from her job.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:58PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter.

**JOINT MEETING TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**June 2, 2003**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	CB 12 MEMBERS ATTENDING
James Berlin, Chair Anita Barberis Joyce Holland Nelson Rojas		Martin Collins, Chair-Eco. Dev Luis Facundo, A. Chair Rose Santo Rafael Beaumont Jacqueline Aristy Mason Almeida

**Zead Ramadan, Chairman**  
**Deborah Blow, Community Assistant**

**GUESTS**

Council member Miguel Martinez-NYC Council, Mike Fitelson-Manhattan Times, Deborah Nitzabey-Resident, Bernard Monahan-Resident, Julio Alvarado-Audubon Partnership for Eco. Dev., Phyllis Smizaski-Resident, Shelley Bulman- Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights, Ramon Bellido-Resident

Chair James Berlin introduced Councilman Martinez who addressed adding the following names to local streets in memory of those who died in the World Trade and/or the conflict in Iraq:

- Staff Sgt. Ryan Agosto Tejeda Street – northeast corner of W. 180<sup>th</sup> St. at St. Nicholas Avenue
- Alejandro Cordero Way – southwest corner of W. 164<sup>th</sup> Street & Ft. Washington Avenue
- Brian Monaghan Way – southwest corner of W. 218<sup>th</sup> Street & Seaman Avenue

All three designations for street plaques were handled in one vote as follows:

	In Favor	Opposed
Committee Members	4	0
Board Members:	5	0
Members of the Public:	26	0

The second item on the agenda was addressing issue of parking for the community. Mr. Berlin suggested to the attendees that brainstorming would be a good place to start.

1. gather all ideas
2. sift through viable ideas

Martin Collins, Chair and Committee members of Economic Development shared their ideas as well. The following ideas were discussed:

- Lengthen distance between bus stops thus creating more parking spaces. Suggestion made to reduce stop area at W. 174<sup>th</sup> St. & Ft. Washington Ave.,(by park) using other adjacent space. Also, at W. 181<sup>st</sup> Street this may be possible. The bus rest and layover areas reduce available parking. Discuss this w/DOT.
- Parking in Margaret Corbin Circle. Currently, there's no parking in the circle, which serves as bus rest area. How about parking from 6am-6pm there? Nighttime? Parking elsewhere in parks discussed, perhaps overnight. Check with DOT and Parks.
- Church, synagogues, and funeral homes. Holyrood Church rents out spaces. What happened to parking at St. Spyridon Church? The Ortiz Funeral Home said no to overnight parking. Let's engage others.
- Rethink P.S. 187 and the concept of school parking areas for nighttime parking. How much parking is allotted schools? However, there are issues including liability and cars leave oil slicks, fumes etc.

- Permits for neighborhood residential parking. You would pay for your spot. The NYPD and DOT would have to enforce this. Similar to co-op/condo: buying and owning spot.
- Parallel and angle parking areas. It's new on W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street between Amsterdam & Wadsworth Avenues. Folks asked we look again at W. 187<sup>th</sup> Street. Question is W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street wide enough? Proposed Edgecomb Avenue angle parking. Let's look at doing this elsewhere. At Ft. George Hill cars back out with nose forward. Note: W. 184<sup>th</sup> St near the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct is an NYPD self-enforcement zone.
- Pursue idea of schoolyard parking from 6pm – 7 am.
- Tax incentives or disincentives for leaving lots empty. Tax empty lots more. They could be used for parking. Note: Tax incentive for leaving lots empty actually enhances property value, Incremental Tax Financing. Incentive a bad idea. Tax empty lots more the ideal vehicle. CB 12s Kirk Miller drafted such a proposal several months ago. Follow-up.
- A tax exemption already exists for utilizing lots and garages for parking. Forms available thru DOT.
- Parking on sidewalks (i.e. W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street, & Wadsworth Ave.) Don't think that's possible.
- The distance a car must park from a fire hydrant is currently 15 feet on either side. Could that be reduced? Nine feet either side was proposed. Check with FDNY and DOT. Letter suggested to the agencies.
- Riverside Drive parking. Nope, already at capacity due to Psychiatric Institute.
- Muni meters. Pros and cons. The pros are cars can park closer to each other, extended overnight parking time, higher truck fees. The cons are munis are confusing to people specially around hospitals, and munis require foot patrol checks. Per Julio Batista, NYPH, the hospital would help with muni meters. Other locations suggested were W. 187<sup>th</sup> Street. and Ft. Washington Ave., elsewhere on Ft. Washington Avenue.
- The suggestion of parking by barges(i.e. Dyckman) and elsewhere was dismissed.
- Change alternate side street parking from 4 days to 2 days, along with parking permit residential/non-residential use. Accompanied by a citywide ban on cars in lower Manhattan. Would perhaps invite garages to open here. Idea was dismissed.
- Overnight parking at Allen Pavilion on w. 220<sup>th</sup> St. and Broadway, per Helen Morik, NYPH, the hospital is looking into the matter.
- The empty lot on the west side of Broadway between W. 204<sup>th</sup> St. & Academy St. across from the Haywood Burns School. Let's engage the property owner.
- Four stack or three stack W. 168<sup>th</sup> Street private lots. That's a matter of Columbia and NYPH ability to do so. Question: asked if the W. 168<sup>th</sup> St. (Columbia) lot is closed at night? If so, could be opened to overnight parking like the W. 165<sup>th</sup> St. NY-Presbyterian)Lot?
- DOT W. 158<sup>th</sup> St. & Broadway adjacent Riverside Drive. DOT under utilizes it for parking. Let's check on this. Safe Streets Safe City Program operates there.
- Parking near the (34<sup>th</sup>) precinct, and stack parking at back of the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct. Question of financing. Where will money come from?
- One car person and idea of increased registration fee for multi-car households dismissed.
- Hi-density buildings must have adequate parking. Rule is for every two new housing units built, you must provide one parking space. Along w. 181<sup>st</sup> Street there's low-density buildings. Proposal to encourage hi-density building there with sufficient parking.
- Roof parking for all new construction was suggested.

Nota Bene: The Jewish community Council submitted additional suggestions earlier this year. They will be added to the record of this meeting.

The meeting was closed at 9:30pm. Our next step will be to rank the viable alternatives and pursue those that will not need any Capital investment dollars as the city financial bankrupt.

Respectfully submitted by: Anita Barberis & Martin Collins

## LAND USE COMMITTEE

June 4, 2003

### Minutes

#### Members Present

Anita Barberis, A. Chair  
James Berlin  
Martin Collins  
Walther Delgado

#### Members Absent

None

#### Members Excused

Maria Luna, Chair  
Luis Facundo

#### CB12 Members Attending

Rose M. Santo  
Mason Almeida

Zead Ramadan, Chair

Deborah Blow, Community Assistant

Guests: Brenda Carpenter, Seniors Helping Seniors, Inc., Fredericka Cuenca

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The meeting began at 7:20 p.m. with opening remarks from Anita Barberis.

Brenda Carpenter, Director, Seniors Helping Seniors (SHS), reached out to CB12 via June 4, 2003 letter to Maria Luna. SHS is located in the basement of the Dept. Health building on 168<sup>th</sup> St. & Broadway. Conditions are cramped and because of their adjacency to the boiler room, they work in difficult conditions. The former 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct location, 2120 Amsterdam Ave., is a 20,000 square feet modular two-story building. This completely mobile, elevator building, was offered to SHS in March 2002, with the condition SHS had to find a place to move it. SHS was unable to acquire land neighborhood land within the required time frame and the owners were unwilling to absorb demolition costs (\$7 million). Consequently, the building was given to the Dept. Education which has site responsibility for the land on which the building sits. There are plans to build P. S. 37 there, but those plans are on hold due to the current budget situation. Ms. Carpenter wrote Schools Chancellor Joel Klein (April 9, 2003) but has not received a response.

SHS believes use of the building would benefit several community organizations. SHS would like 845 square feet in the building so they can move. They asked for a letter of support, perhaps a resolution to assist them in the matter. The committee will follow up with Ms. Carpenter. In the interim, the suggestion was made to check how Wall Street engaged a similar request with respect to the Association Building.

The test run of the bilingual Audubon Avenue Survey with intercept interviews of local residents and businesses took place on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. Fredericka Cuenca, Anita Barberis and Martin Collins walked south starting at 175<sup>th</sup> Street and Audubon Avenue. We completed 15-18 residential surveys and 4 business surveys for the sample. The vast majority of people responded to our engagement. We will discuss with Edwin Marshall, Dept. City Planning, fine-tuning question #5 of the residential survey, amplifying question #8 of the business survey, and modifying the scale questions (rank 1-5) on both surveys to allow folks to express opinion as to what issues are most important to them. Also, we discussed the possibility of changing the residential question, "Do you shop on Audubon Ave?" to "When you patronize these businesses, do you shop on Audubon Ave?"

The next phase is the broad-based survey with hundreds of residential surveys and as many businesses as possible. Maximum outreach beforehand including announcements in El Diario, Manhattan Times, and Spanish-language TV. Maria Luna's TV program was mentioned. CB12 posting on Audubon Avenue.

Additional matters pertaining to the Audubon Avenue Survey were discussed including:

- Orientation & Utilization of CB12 members & senior level high school students for the next phase
- DCP has assigned a Project Manager. Ask about consultants?
- Work with DCP to prepare a budget
- Need funds for code and tab work and all non in-kind services
- CB12 outreach for possible funding sources and a conduit
- Suggested to scan by Census Tract on Audubon Avenue

Walther Delgado said he shared with Zead Ramadan a letter he received from the Borough President stating a Sherman Creek Task Force was formed. We learned after the meeting, the Sherman Creek Interagency Working group is coming to the next Executive Committee Meeting, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Delgado also mentioned the NYRP plan calls for a parking lot at the southern end of Sherman Creek where the Audubon Partnership has plans to develop a building. Audubon Partnership is about to get Con Edison to go to the city and discuss as part of the development, the Con Edison site.

Mr. Delgado suggested CB12 consider writing a letter of continuing interest for the Sherman Creek plans that have been presented to the board. Also, in view of the fact the Army Core of Engineers had little time to give a presentation at the kickoff breakfast in April at Coogan's, he thought we should invite them back.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

June 2, 2003

### Minutes

#### Members Present

Martin Collins, Chair  
Rafael Beaumont

#### Members Absent

Luis Facundo  
Renato Mena

#### Members Excused

Mireya Cruz  
Kirk Miller

#### CB12 Members Present

Rafael Escano  
Rose Santo  
Mason Almeida  
Nelson Rojas

Zead Ramadan, Chair

Deborah Blow, Community Assistant

Guests: Rud Morales, Taino Bar Lounge, Magdalis Cruz & Jesus Martinez, El Nuevo Sambuca Rest., Zhi Lin, St. Nicholas Fish Market, Soraya Perez (for Justa Perez), Justa Restaurant, Honorable B. Reiss Young, Reform Party N.Y., Carla Redix, 560 West 165<sup>th</sup> St. Tenants Assoc., Julio Alvarado, Audubon Partnership, Lilliam Perez, Senator Schneiderman's office, Ruben D. Vargas, Ramon Bellido

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The meeting started at 6:35 p.m. with introductions and brief opening remarks.

#### Café Seven (7 Henshaw Street)

Business has applied for an On-Premise Liquor License. Angel D. Guerrero, applicant, did not attend. Letter sent the SLA asking them to table decision until the applicant has attended and the committee has forwarded its recommendation. He will be invited to our next meeting.

#### Justa Restaurant (2102 Amsterdam Avenue)

Soraya Perez represented the restaurant. She informed us the owner, Justa Perez, wants a Restaurant Wine License, not an On-Premise Liquor. The owner completed and submitted an application for On-Premise Liquor by mistake. Ms. Perez will file an application for Restaurant Wine License w/ SLA and notify CB12 in writing. Upon receipt, the committee will invite the owner to the next meeting. Letter explaining circumstance sent SLA.

#### El Nuevo Diamante Restaurant (151 Fort Washington Avenue)

New application for a Restaurant Wine License. No one attended the meeting. Letter sent the SLA asking them to table decision until the applicant has attended and the committee has forwarded its recommendation.

#### Maria's Place Restaurant Corp. (DBA: Malibu Restaurant 1091/93/95 St. Nicholas Avenue)

The invitation letter was returned to CB12, address unknown. Will reach out for further information and attempt to invite the applicant, Maria Garcia, to our next meeting. Letter sent SLA explaining situation.

#### Barrow Tavern (DBA: Liffy II 5009 Broadway)

The business has applied to renew their On-Premise Liquor License. There was no adverse history on file & no members of the public opposed. The committee recommends the SLA renew their On-Premise Liquor License.

#### The Original Supermarket Corp. (DBA: Bravo 4261-9 Broadway)

The president, Candido De Leon, has applied to renew Bravo's Grocery Beer Wine Product License. There was no adverse history found. The committee recommended the SLA renew Bravo's license.

#### St. Nicholas Fish Market (1609 St. Nicholas Avenue)

Zhi Lin represented the business. They have applied for an Eating Place Beer License. The invitation to last month's committee meeting was delivered to their former location; therefore, they did not attend. The owner will be invited to our next meeting. Letter sent the SLA explaining matters.



Wendy's (3939 Broadway)

They have applied to the Dept. Consumer Affairs to renew their Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License for 19 tables and 38 seats on the south side of West 165<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway. The committee reviewed and discussed the application. Wendy's has not operated a sidewalk café since CB12 passed a resolution (April 30, 2002) recommending them for the license. We will call Wendy's and ask why? Follow up accordingly.

El Nuevo Sambuca Restaurant (4199 Broadway)

This was a follow up to last month's meeting with the restaurant. Magdalis Cruz, owner, El Nuevo Sambuca Restaurant, 4199 Broadway, has secured the services of Jose A. Muniz, P.C. Mr. Muniz corresponded with CB12, May 12, 2003, informing us of mitigating circumstances leading to the expiration of the restaurant's On-Premise Liquor License on April 30, 2003. The business has reached out to the SLA regarding their liquor license and has started renovations to soundproof the restaurant. A food vendor license is pending. Correspondence will be sent the SLA informing them of the restaurant's progress since our last meeting. When a letter is received from the owner informing CB12 of their intent to file with the SLA, the committee will meet again with the business.

Taino Bar Lounge (151 Sherman Avenue)

Ms. Rud Morales, co-owner, Taino Bar Lounge, 151 Sherman Ave., spoke regarding the business' On-Premise Liquor License application. After last month's committee meeting with fellow co-owner, Carlos Bobadilla, and a site visit, the committee could not recommend Taino for an On-Premise Liquor License because it is less than 200 feet from two churches, Iglesia de Cristo, 159 Sherman Avenue, and the adjacent Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal. Article Section 64, subdivision 7a, of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law states, "No special on-premises license shall be granted for any premises which shall be on the same street or avenue and within 200 feet of a building occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue, or other place of worship."

Subsequently, Ms. Morales reached out to the Audubon Partnership for assistance. On May 23, 2003, she furnished CB12 with correspondence from the Dept. Buildings chronicling recent location use, and a July 17, 2002, Letter of No Objection from the Dept. Buildings to the State Liquor Authority stating the Dept. Buildings "had no objection to a drinking establishment" for the premises. The Dept. Buildings July 17, 2002, letter to the State Liquor Authority did not mention the location is less than 200 feet from a church.

Public Hearing on Javier & David Restaurant Enclosed Sidewalk Café Application

A Public Hearing will be held June 17, 2003, at the Isabella Geriatric Center at 7:00 p.m. to consider the Enclosed Sidewalk Café application received from the Dept. Consumer Affairs for Javier & David Restaurant, d/b/a Caridad Restaurant, 1618 St. Nicholas Avenue (corner West 191<sup>st</sup> Street).

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**June 03, 2003**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Emilia Cardona, Chair  
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Assistant Chair  
Rafael Escano  
Glenda Swanson- Massa (Exc.)

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Dago Suarez  
Rose M. Santo

**PUBLIC MEMBERS**

Anne Marie O'Keefe

**STAFF MEMBER ATTENDING**

Miguel A. Reyes, Community Service Aide

**GUESTS**

Myrna Thomas, Friends of Lilly Brown Playground, James Renner, CB12 Historian, Jennifer Hoppa, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation.

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Emilia Cardona called the meeting to order at 7:35PM.

Jennifer Hoppa, Outreach Coordinator, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
Reported about the Greenway Project

Many cities have Greenways. One was partially constructed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but plans were substantially shelved until the 1990's. Some propose 350 Miles of trails through out the 5 boroughs. 32 miles around the perimeter of Manhattan by the time this project is completed.

\$4.5 Million allocated to get this on the way before year's end.

Interagency working group of New York City's Department of Parks & Recreation, Department of Transportation, Economic Development Corporation, Department of Design & Construction and the New York State Department of Transportation to implement complete interim plan by August.

Some parts of Greenway will not be on waterfront due to technical issues, especially in East Harlem; Lower Manhattan, and East Midtown, South of 59<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge.

In CB12:

- Inwood Hill Park Not for bikes; road only
- East Side, North of 158<sup>th</sup> Street - 1.7 miles on Harlem River Speedway
- Connecting on Street at Dyckman Street South of 155<sup>th</sup> Street
- Repairing Staff Street steps and improving signage and pavement
- Improvements to Henry Hudson Parkway sidewalk
- Improvements to Fort Washington Park, including pavement, mark up for pedestrian & cyclists and signage
- Link up with Riverside Park at 155<sup>th</sup> Street
- Some improvements East of Department of Environmental Protection Plant at 145<sup>th</sup> Street

The long- term goal is to provide waterfront access around Manhattan.

Some questions regarding signage: signage and barriers near Dyckman Street exit of Henry Hudson Parkway and cross over at Staff Street stairs.

Suggestions made regarding outreach, especially to contact Tread Bike Shop on Dyckman Street and Bike Shop on Bennett Avenue and else where in the neighborhood.

Suggested to contact Margaret Klabler, who years ago, at the age of 10, first approached Community Board 12, Department of Transportation and Department of Parks & Recreation regarding renovation of Harlem River Speedway, for the opening of this portion of the Greenway.

Question regarding handicapped access to Fort Washington Park between 181<sup>st</sup> Street and 158<sup>th</sup> Street.

A: Only 181<sup>st</sup> Street is ADA accessible.

Question regarding installing bike racks at Fairway and local markets as people can bike to the store and shop and have groceries delivered.

Question from Myrna Thomas, Friends of Lilly Brown Playground regarding finding a fiscal conduit for a seed grant.

Rose Santo of Washington Heights Improvement Corporation volunteered WHIDC's services.

Board Member Dago Suarez had a question regarding Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Parks vehicle on the sidewalk at Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street. Can we get it to stop?

Deadlines for street tree requests 6/30/03. Discussion of specific requests for District Manager to communicate to Department of Parks to replace trees at Mitchell Square and 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct locations.

Announcement of various upcoming events

Kudos to Jeanlee Poggi of West 181<sup>st</sup> Street Beautification Project for her work to maintain and restore the gardens at the Step Street.

Request to have representatives from the Henry Hudson Scenic Byways to address the committee at its first meeting in September to learn more about issues related to Scenic Byways. Encouraged representative of Lilly Brown Playground to attend as well, to include participation of lower Washington Heights in addition to Washington Heights & Inwood in this issue.

The Washington Heights Chamber of Commerce plans to publish a cultural guide for Upper- Manhattan. There was some discussion as to how this differs from the guide published by the Uptown Treasurers. It was explained that it would dovetail with Uptown Treasures publications. Also, questions regarding ensuring accuracy and completeness and non- duplication. OK to write a letter of support per regular process, ie working with Executive Committee and Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter