

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 4, 2007

Committee Members Present

Mark Levine, Chair
Beatrice Hall, Asst. Chair
Anita Barberis
James Berlin
Dr. James Freeman
Jonathan Tasini

Committee Members Excused

Edith Prentiss
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

Board Members Present

Manny Velazquez, Board Chair

Staff Present

Jeffrey A. Laufer

Guests: Stacey D. Hodge, Deputy Director NYC DOT; Buckley Yung, MTA- NYC Transit; Ted Orosz, MTA-NYC Transit; Joseph Barr, MTA- NYC Transit; Phyllis Smiaski, Resident; Josh Orzech, DOT; Nancy Bruning, Resident; Joe Loperfido, "Friends of 9/11"; Mike Hughes, Inwood Patrol; Jacob Morris

The chair convened the meeting at 7:05pm. The committee and guest introduced themselves.

TED OROSZ from the MTA---Update on BRT Project

He first explained BRT----stands for Bus Rapid Transit. This BRT is the Bronx Corridor. The Bronx project concerns CB12 because of the BX12 Bus & 207th Street stop.

Joseph Barr from DOT said that the project involves three agencies MTA, DOT and NY States DOT. J. Barr said that they are looking to make transit more efficient. This plan looks ahead to '2030 when it's projected that another million new riders will enter the system. This Bronx corridor (BX12) is the busiest in the Bronx.

BRT implementation---goal is to speed the Buses along the route. The plan is to create these Red Bus lanes to be use during morning & evening rush hours (7am to 10am & 4pm to 7pm). There will be no curb parking during these hours. The new BRT will operate seven (7) days a week for more hours. BRT will bring new stations/new shelters, bus lanes, new signage, and enhanced enforcement of bus lanes, fewer stops, newer lower buses, additional collection system and possible a new smart card. The BRT buses will also look different.

Ted Orosz said that MTA's goal is to implement two of the five new transit corridors in '2007 and do the other three in '2008. A community resident asked questions about the bus congestion on 181st street and the fumes/pollution in the area. MTA offered no real solution to the ongoing problem.

DOT ISSUES

Jumel Terrace street repair: Josh Orzech said that he had passed along CB12's request and it had been added to DOT's restoration list: Riverside Oval traffic study update: Josh stated that a pilot program was in progress about two thirds of the way. Update on W. 215th step street: Mark. Levine, told Josh that the recent repair to the step streets were already crumbling and that the community needs those step repaired sooner than '2009. He also reiterated that someone had recently fallen on those steps. Update on Retaining Walls on Haven Ave & Riverside Dr: Josh reported that one retaining wall at Haven Ave/ Riverside Drive was scheduled for '2008 repair. He also said that DOT had contacted DDC to look at the crumbling walls in CB12 and DDC was in the process of redesigning and repairing the walls.

Nancy Bruning Steps to keep People Moving:

Nancy Bruning was seeking support for her project to get people to start some physical activity such as walking, biking or exercise at your desk.

Friends of 9/11"- Chris M. Kirby & James John Woods: A proposal was presented to co-name street corners for the above former community residents. The proposal was tabled for September.

Proposed co-naming of W. 155th street for Calvin Hamilton Houston: Jacob Morris presentation was also tabled for later since the City Council will not be approving street co-naming until October or November.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm. Respectfully submitted, Beatrice Hall

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
June 13th, 2006

Committee Members Present

Julissa Gomez, Chair
George Espinal, Assistant Chair
Jennifer Araujo
Aidee Camacho
Dr. Joyce Humber-Faison
Francisco Guzman
Rolando Rodriguez

Members Absent

Kotie Cannon
Emilia Cardona (excused)

Staff Attending

Jeffrey A. Laufer

Guests:

NYPD 33RD Commander-Joseph Dowling, NYPD 34th P.O. - Kevin Kelly, NY DA's Office- Joselinne Minaya,

Meeting Called to Order at 7:15pm by Committee Chair, Julissa Gomez. Committee Chair, Julissa Gomez informed the members of the committee and the public that Assistant Chair, George Espinal will be chairing the committee meeting this evening.

NYPD Captain Dowling/ 33rd Precinct

Capt. Dowling stated that a man named Ronald refuses shelter referral- the man continues to return to the location- area is now chain-linked fencing. Crime is down by 5%.

- Grand larceny is up- One arrest at Columbia Presbyterian in regards.

The Precinct has noticed burglary patterns in the neighborhood- mostly computers and other electronics. 384 and Fort Washington Avenue has been hit three times, along with 280 Fort Washington Avenue. Crime Prevention is putting up flyers in the community in regards to changing locks when first moving into apartments. The also reported that 3 businesses have had the locks on their gates cut off. The Capt. reported that there has been 1 homicide so far, on May 26th. It stemmed from an argument related to illegal substances that unknown at this time.

- Truancy is year round. There were 717 reported truanies in 2006. If one student has been caught on several occasions on different days, each incident is accounted for whether or not truant is a repeat offender.

There have been (3) 311 calls in regards to fireworks. They were coming from West 161st Street, West 157th St. The Captain reported that the projection for the graduating class of '07 is 18 Police Officers to the 33rd Precinct. There were 260 P.O. when the 33rd Precinct started and currently there are 164 P.O. The Committee Chair asked Captain Dowling if they have a shortage of RMP's. He replied saying that they are seeking additional equipment such as more RMP's for the 33rd Precinct. Response times are broken down into Citywide, Borough and Precinct response times.

NYPD P.O. Kevin Kelly/ 34th Precinct

P.O. Kelly reported that the Fireworks Initiative started two weeks ago. He also stated that is one Impact Zones at Dyckman to 207th Street, and Sherman to Vernilyea Avenue. Impact Zone will have 1 Sgt. and 8 P.O. assigned to.

- Burglaries are up, 19 Burglaries in 28-day period - There is a pattern at the lower end of the Precinct. The robberies have been during the day, and 12 were unforced entries (mostly computers and other electronics). There have not been any potential arrests as of yet
- No shootings in the past 28-day period – There is information pending on the shooting that occurred on Mother's Day at Broadway and Academy Street
- Conditions Unit have been patrolling Amsterdam Avenue behind George Washington High School
- Manhattan North Task Force 28 day patrol in variety of Precincts – the 32nd, 28th and 34th Precincts. There were successful in a couple of arrests.
- Reckless bicycle riding has been on issues on 182nd, 183rd and 187th Streets down Broadway and the youth steal fruits and throw them at innocent bystanders. The youth speeds down the 1-IRT train tunnel constantly.

▪ **Firework Zones:**

- 1) West 186th Street to Fort George Avenue and Amsterdam to Wadsworth
- 2) Dyckman to Isham and Nagle to Vermilyea
- 3) Dyckman to West 207th Street and Broadway to Seaman Avenue

Assistant Chair, George Espinal requested an increase of patrols inside Inwood Hill Park adjacent to Payson Avenue. Police Officer Kevin Kelly will forward the request to Deputy Inspector Capul who will forward it to the Parks Enforcement Patrol Sergeant.

NY D.A.'s Office- Joselinne Minaya

Ms. Minaya had nothing to report. Bennett Avenue Trial will be back in court on July 16th, 2007.

Public Session:

Community Resident, Robert Lugo who resides at 920 Riverside Drive spoke to the Committee about a concern he has. He is concerned about surveillance cameras facing the entrance of apartment doors in his building. Mr. Lugo stated that the surveillance cameras were installed on June 13th, 2007 in the afternoon, and faces his apartment as well as two others apartments. The Committee recommended Mr. Lugo to call 311 and try to get in contact with the NYS Department of Housing and Community Renewal for further questions.

Fiscal Year 2009 Statement of District Needs:

The Committee discussed the Statement of District Needs for FY 2009. Both Precincts need an increase of staff in order to better serve our growing community. Both Precincts need an increase of RMP's and vans to conduct patrols.

Businesses with Chronic Problems

33rd Precinct

- **Caridad Restaurant** at West 169th Street and Amsterdam Avenue-There have been numerous assaults and a homicide at this location within this year alone.

34th Precinct-

- **Monkey Bar** - There have been numerous noise complaints, but no crime incidents.
- **Blanco (White)**-There have been MAJOR noise complaints within this area, even before the establishment showed up.
- **Blue Lounge**-Many noise complaints. Club shuts down around 4am - 5am in the morning.

Committee Chair, Julissa Gomez thanked everyone for coming and to have a great summer ahead. She also thanked Assistant Chair, George Espinal for running the meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by;
George Espinal, Assistant Chair, Public Safety Committee

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – June 7, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Simon, Chair
Isaiah Bing, Asst. Chair
Martin Collins
Beatrice Hall
Helen Morik

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Rolando Cespedes
Albania Jimenez
Pamela Palanque North (excused)
Matthew Chachere (Public Member)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Emilia Cardona
George Espinal
Maria Luna
Edith Prentiss

GUESTS: Laverne Collins-Isabella; Fernando Perez, Peter Hofmann, David Gmach-Con Edison; Jacqueline Aristy, Julio Batista, Deborah Cardona, Obed Fulcar, Gary Hotko - CERT members; Curtis Tibbs-River Terrace Board of Directors; Dorothy DePasquale and Pat Young-Washington Heights Neighborhood Assn.; Jay Mazur, Edward Figueroa-Local 1199 SEIU; Bryan Holman-Resident; Scnex-Resident; Gioma Moy-Battery Park CERT; John Kieman-Amateur Radio; P.O. Margarita DeJesus-NYPD 33rd Pct. Community Affairs.

1. Steve Simon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. Presentations on Emergency Preparedness Plans for this Summer

Con Edison – Peter Hofmann, General Manager for Manhattan Electrical Operations:

37 miles of cables have been replaced over the last eight years (since the 1999 blackout) to reinforce the Washington Heights-Inwood grid. 24 new transformers installed since last year. At 172nd St. & Haven Ave., where several buildings briefly lost power last year, a new transformer costing approx. \$750,000 is being installed and should be finished in the next week or two.

When it gets hot and the heat index goes over 100, Con Ed brings in crews for 12-hour shifts to cool transformers and repair cables. People are assigned to work at the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and at Police Plaza. Account representatives reach out to large users to ask them to reduce loads; people are put on the street to tell the public to cut usage. We encourage people to call to report any problems; 600 lines have been added to the call center.

David Gmach, Director, Manhattan Public Affairs: Don't run dishwashers and other electrical appliances when weather gets hot; you should do everything you can to minimize energy use.

Simon: Has Con Ed carried out all the recommendations made by then-Attorney General Spitzer in the report he issued after the 1999 blackout?

Gmach: We complied with almost all of them; we updated tracking and monitoring systems, upgraded inspection systems. (He gave the committee a copy of Con Ed's response to the A.G.)

Bing: What can we do to help in the restoration process after a blackout?

Gmach: We established a public liaison program and have invited Community Boards and community-based organizations to join.

Hofmann: In 1999, there were 14 circuits in Washington Heights-Inwood; now there are 20. We ask for forbearance from the community if we have to do construction overnight in an emergency.

Bing: Do you do annual surveys to identify individuals using life-sustaining equipment (LSE)?

Gmach: We make special provisions, bring small generators to their homes in the event of a blackout.

Hofmann: We may also run temporary service to their apartments.

3. Announcement of Upcoming Meeting – At this time Jay Mazur, representing Local 1199 SEIU, was allowed to announce a community forum to be held on June 21 sponsored by the union and others on the need for universal health care. The "Cover New York" campaign aims to provide health care insurance to all New Yorkers, including the 13% currently uninsured. The state spends \$11.8 billion annually to pay for unpaid emergency room bills; that would cover half of all the uninsured.

4. Presentations on Emergency Preparedness Plans for this Summer, Part II

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Julio Batista: we were first community chosen to have a CERT. Members take an 11-week course. There are 45 members now; 20 have joined since the first group was certified. CERT members have responded to two incidents: a fire that occurred at St. Nicholas Ave. & W. 171st St. and the collapse of the Castle Village wall. In the latter case, OEM asked the CERT members to help evacuate elderly residents from 1380 Riverside Drive.

D. Cardona: Have not received any notices about training, not prepared for any emergency.

Batista: NY-Presbyterian Hospital may offer CPR courses; CERT may have mock drills.

Fulcar: CERT had training last spring, looking for more members, team is being reactivated, doing outreach at street fairs and festivals.

D. Cardona: Which CB 12 committee oversees CERT?

Simon: CERT does not report to any particular committee but still comes under CB 12's umbrella.

Isabella – LaVerne Collins, Director of Safety and Security: Isabella has 705 skilled nursing beds as well as other residents and on-site child care. Did disaster evacuation drill yesterday, moving eight residents to Schervier Home in the Bronx. Mandated by State Dept. of Health to develop emergency plan. Has agreements with various institutions in New York and New Jersey to accept patients in an emergency. OEM and Fire Dept. were on hand during yesterday's drill. Adult volunteers helped transport patients using wheelchairs, stretchers and walkers. Staff was not forewarned. Schervier was prepared to accept 25 patients for three days. Biggest concern: power outage. Have emergency generators to run the elevators, etc. Con Ed has called to tell us to reduce load. There have been two incidents in which elderly were brought to Isabella overnight. During blackout, families of residents came to Isabella. Will continue to do emergency drills.

Bing: How long will the generators run?

L. Collins: 10 days. We have contracts with vendors in New Jersey and Rockland County for fuel, water and food. We're planning to be as self-sufficient as possible.

Prentiss (member of OEM's Special Needs Task Force): There aren't enough ambulette services to handle emergencies. Also, most cooling centers closed at 4 or 4:30.

M. Collins: Last year a couple of centers stayed open later. Another possible site: State Psychiatric Institute, 40 Haven Ave., is open 24 hours and has security.

Aristy: How do you keep track of residents' medical conditions and medications?

L. Collins: We have a resident information tracking form, updated every 3 months, that can be printed off-site.

5. Update on Con Edison's M29 Transmission Line and Substation Project

Bing: CB12 and other parties have submitted final briefs. Public Service Commission due to make final decision in August.

M. Collins: Con Ed has prepared an Environmental Management and Construction Plan for the substation and has invited the elected officials, CB 12, etc. to a meeting next week to discuss it.

Bing: Administrative Law Judge required two new studies on transmission line and substation. Con Ed representative earlier spoke about removing cables that are 60-70 years old. Blackouts have been caused by cable failures, an ineffective distribution system, not by lack of power.

Fulcar: CB 12 should push for reopening of Academy Street and access to Sherman Creek.

Simon: That has been one of our requests all along.

6. Discussion of FY '09 Statement of District Needs – The committee members reviewed the sections in last year's statement dealing with Health, Sanitation and Environment Protection. Various changes were suggested.

7. Mail – The mail was reviewed.

8. Next Meeting – Thursday, September 6 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, S. Simon

PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES –June 5th, 2007

Committee Members Present
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Asst. Chair
Jennifer Araujo
Emilia Cardona
Dr. James Freeman
Ines Saldana Olesen

C.B.12M Staff Present
Deborah Blow

Board Members Present
Dora Maria Abreu
George Espinal

Committee Members Absent
Zead Ramadan, Chair

GUESTS: Janet Wise-Thomas, Resident; Phyllis Smiazki, Resident; Douglas Nash, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation; Bob Redmond, NYC DPR; Tray Eberhart, Harlem River Boat Club; Jean Bonnes, Footpath; Catherine Ponte, Partnership for Parks; Nancy Bruning, Friends of Fort Tryon; Luz Bermudez, Rose Court Tenant Assn; Ethan Cohen, City College Architecture Center; Joseph Sanchez, NYC DPR.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm by Asst. Chair Elizabeth Ritter in the absence of Chair Zead Ramadan who was unavailable due to family obligations. She made brief introductory remarks.

- I. Fort Washington Park Planning Possibilities: The NYC Department of Parks & Recreation has just received ~\$358 million in capital funding for eight parks Citywide. Two – Fort Washington Park and the Highbridge – are in CB12, so we did better than any other neighborhood. The Ft. Washington Park allocation of ~\$40 million is for the entire park, from 145th Street to Dyckman Street, from Riverside Drive to the Hudson River, so CB9 also will weigh in on planning for these funds. (Also of note is \$60 million to restore the Highbridge.) This evening's meeting is a visionary meeting to discuss what we would like to see in Ft. Washington Park. DPR is hoping to begin construction in FY '10. Douglas Nash of DPR noted that this would be linked to Riverside Park to restore continuous waterfront and also might mitigate trespassing on railroad tracks and adjacent property. Bob Redmond proposed an idea of moving the railroad tracks, although it is not clear if the Railroad would be open to this possibility. There was a productive dialogue among Committee members, members of the community, and the DPR agents. Many issues, needs, dreams, goals and possible uses were raised and discussed.
- ◆ Phyllis Smiazki raised the issue of accessibility, and the lack of water fountains and bathrooms.
 - ◆ Toni Cardona hopes for such recreational features as skating rinks (ice and roller) and swimming pools.
 - ◆ Janet Wise Thomas spoke about accessibility from Haven Avenue, and also dumping. She touched up on dog runs, and areas for smaller dogs. Location preference would be closer to the street, which also aids in sanitation and safety issues.
 - ◆ Mr. Redmond pointed out issues with the differential in grade: 90 feet from sea level to the upper reaches of residential neighborhood. DOT already is building a pedestrian bridge at 151st, but more access still would be needed.
 - ◆ Jean Bonnes would like to ensure protection of forested areas. DPR concurred absolutely on this point.
 - ◆ Katherine Ponte pointed out that there is a dog run in Ft. Washington Park, but feels that it could be expanded, diversified and improved.
 - ◆ Nancy Bruning, from the Public Health Association of NYC, would like to see designers incorporate use for physical fitness and outdoor activity. This could be a unifying vision for this park.
 - ◆ Ethan Cohen spoke about Manhattan Greenway connections. He'd like to see the HHP scenic byway incorporate more access points which is a possibility in the mid 160's perhaps in cooperation with Columbia University, NY Presbyterian Hospital and the NYS Psychiatric Institute. He spoke about connecting with the "Take Me to the River" study in CB9, as well as with multiple "friends of parks" groups in this area. DPR affirmed that the greenway needs to hook up with Ft. Washington Park past Dyckman.
 - ◆ Ms. Wise Thomas spoke about the possibility of elevators, rather than 1-foot-per-inch of height switchbacks as required by ADA. Mr. Redmond noted that this is a security nightmare, and there is no one to attend to it.
 - ◆ Various people pointed out the need for maps to be strategically placed throughout parks which not only shows "you are here" but also various amenities and destinations within parks. Other technological possibilities include hook-ups for iPhones.

- ◆ Ms. Cardona noted that this all sounds great, but if the parks have more people they also have greater enforcement needs. Park design should include PEP station. Mr. Redmond pointed out that there is safety in numbers, and that the additional usage of the park will help in and of itself to make the park safer, but agreed that additional enforcement resources should be considered as well.
- ◆ Ms. Smiaski agreed that CB12 needs more PEP officers, not just for Ft. Washington Park, but for other parks generally. She also encouraged the additional of night-time recreational activities such as tennis and basketball.
- ◆ Someone else suggested a ferry from the northern end of the Park (i.e., Dyckman Street) to southern end of the Park and/or to Riverside Park.
- ◆ DPR also suggested that they could possibly have some canoe/kayak storage for use at the lower end.
- ◆ There was a short discussion on drainage issues.
- ◆ Ms. Bonnes suggested horseback riding.
- ◆ Ms. Brunning spoke about funding more cultural events.
- ◆ Ms. Cardona suggested funding a recreational center.
- ◆ There was a discussion of food; it was agreed that pushcarts and picnic areas would be preferable to a café or restaurant concession. There also was a discussion of bar-b-queing, perhaps to have a designated area with mounted grills, such as at Orchard Beach and some other City Parks.
- ◆ Joseph Sanchez suggested natural areas such as gardens.
- ◆ Ms. Smiaski spoke about fireworks for Hudson for 4th of July.
- ◆ Mr. Cohen spoke brought up linkage of the successful bidder on the Dyckman substation RFP concession to possible improvements in Ft. Washington Park as well.

- II. ArtsStroll: Mr. Sanchez spoke about "Quisqueya Park" at Highbridge Park @ 180th Street. There were more than 200 children through Alianza Dominicana. There was a multimedia event in the Park in the 170's, as well as the Highbridge Latino Film Festival, which included a showing of "Mad Hot Ballroom". There were at least 250 people in attendance. Mr. Sanchez distributed a flyer for the "Hike the Heights" event on June 16th at 10am.
- III. Dyckman Café and Marina RFPs were released on May 21st. There will be walk-throughs of both sites on June 26th. The submission deadline for proposals is July 16th. It is gratifying to see that comments of this Community Board and this committee clearly informed the final RFP, which can be viewed on-line at: http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_opportunities/business_ops/opportunities_index.html.
- IV. Harlem River Boat Club: Tracy Eberhart informed everyone about "Learn to Row Day" on Saturday, June 9th from 11am-3pm. There will demonstrations, "how-to's" and arts & crafts.
- V. New Business/Announcements:
 - ◆ Fort Tryon Park: bikes on paths and in gardens are a safety issue, especially in the evenings. People are also stealing plants. *[The Assistant Chair followed up with the 34th Pct Inspector, who advised that there is a new beat officer who is aware of these enforcement and quality-of-life issues.]*
 - ◆ Footpath: A fraternity will be coming in next weekend to do a clean up at the steps at 176th.
 - ◆ On June 20th Mr. Sanchez will host have a listening session –similar in format to the discussion summarized in item I above, regarding Fort Washington Park – for the Highbridge capital project. The meeting will be at Highbridge Recreational Center so that it is convenient to the Bronx constituency as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 7, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kotie Cannon, Chair
Eduardo Hoepelman
Glenda Swanson Massa
Cheryl Pahaham

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Rodriguez
Rolando Rodriguez
Edith Prentiss
Rolando Cespedes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

C.B.12M Staff Present: Deborah Blow, Community Coordinator

GUESTS: Kevin Brannan-Resident, Anthony Parson-Resident

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Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

Public Hearing transcript
Teach-In Task Force

Agenda Ideas

Land Use Study - Housing and Human Services working with community groups to advocate welfare. Inform community about what spotlight and stability. Explore this spotlight organizations that are doing harassment by landlords, rent hikes, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Economic Development Committee, Community Board 12 (Manhattan)

June 5, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Julio Peguero, Chair
Tony Lopez, Ass't Chair
Helen Morik
Rita McKee
Rafael Osoria
Cheryl Pahaham
Ruddy Santana
Jonathan Tasini

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Helen Morik
Janifer Wilson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Manny Velazquez, Chair
Martin Collins
Beatrice Hall
George Espinal

Guests: Dr. Julio Albarran, Café 4-40; Deputy Inspector Andrew Capul, Commanding Officer 34th PCT; Wendy L. Olivo, Office of Councilmember Jackson

Julio Peguero calls meeting to order at 7:23 pm.

After brief introductions Mr. Julio E. Albarran spoke representing **Café 4-40**. The business is located on 4193 Broadway between 177th and 178th Street. The operations of the restaurant are managed by Mary Paulino, a partner in the business with many years experience in the restaurant business. The restaurant opened its doors May 4, 2007. Its hours of operation are 7 – 11PM, 7 days a week. They currently have 9 employees, all of which are from the Washington Heights area. The restaurant holds 52 people. They currently only have background music and after being ask about potential live music, stated that they have no intentions on having live music. After reviewing the application Committee member Cheryl suggested we redo the application to better inform the committee.

In their request for a Restaurant Wine License the committee voted 7 in favor. 4 Community Board 12 members voted in favor as well.

Deputy Inspector Capul spoke next regarding the Barrow Tavern DBA The Liffey II Bar. He mentioned a few noise complaints were filed this year but no major incidents have occurred. On Board member George Espinal's suggestion, the committee tabled the request for renewal until we can have them come in and explain how they have taken action to remedy the situation.

Deputy Inspector Capul then expressed his concerns regarding the approved resolution to grant an on premises liquor license for 591 Academy. He stated the history of the location and the many problems they faced with the location. He also stated that he would have attended the economic development meeting had this establishment been on the agenda. Tony Lopez then explained that the establishment was added to the agenda because they had properly filed all the necessary paperwork and were mistakenly not included in the agenda. Tony also added that after that meeting Tony reached out to the staff on several occasions to arrange a meeting with the police departments. No meeting was ever scheduled. At the general meeting the locations history, current stop work order, tentative construction plans, traffic impact, proximity to a church and the current alleyway situation were all disclosed to the full board and the resolution for recommending an on premises liquor license passed by a majority vote of the board members.

Board member Martin Collins then distributed a 5 page handout that included pictures, a stop work order for the premises, a neighborhood map, and a list of 5 establishments within a 4 block residential radius with active liquor licenses. The main points identified by Mr. Collins were:

- The establishment will be *serving* alcohol other than beer & wine within 200 feet of a Church.
- The Academy Street address for this location does not exist (It is 151 Sherman)
- The location has a negative history with the police dept.
- Academy is a one lane street in each direction; this establishment will cause traffic issues and increased noise in the predominantly residential neighborhood.
- The location will not be wheelchair accessible because of the incline/distance (approx 70 Feet) required to reach the height of the door which the stairs currently provide
- There is currently a stop work order on the location at 591 Academy
- The neighborhood is saturated with lounges
- The neighborhood residents do not want this location to be another lounge

Two residents also spoke about how bad the previous owners were and how the noise was an issue. One tenant also mentioned that the current owners are related or affiliated with the previous owners.

Tony Lopez later asked residents how they were made aware of tonight's meeting considering this topic wasn't even on the agenda and then stated that it was extremely unfair that residents and board members that he had never seen at the committee meeting were all present arguing against the owners of this establishment yet no one ever invited the owners.

After sometime of discussing the issues above a motion was made by Rita Mckee to rescind the original resolution based on not having all the facts the first time around. That motion was second by Cheryl.

The motion to rescind our original resolution to recommend an on premises liquor license was voted against 4 to 3. 3 Community Board members voted in favor as did 6 members of the public.

Instead the committee decided to hold a special meeting next Tuesday at 6:30 pm to invite the owners and allow them to defend themselves as well as allow all parties involved to state their concerns/support.

The motion to hold a special meeting was passed 7 to 0. Three Community Board members voted in favor as did three members of the public.

Regarding the renewal of EL Conde Restaurant Corp, Los Rosarios Grocery Corp., Bani Grocery Store all were approved based on the fact that there were no issues with the Police Department.

In their request for renewal of an on-premises liquor license the committee voted 7 in favor for EL Conde Restaurant Corp. 1 board member voted in favor and 2 abstained.

In their request for renewal of a Grocery Store Beer & Wine License the committee voted 7 in favor for Los Rosarios Grocery Corp. and Bani Grocery Store. 1 board member voted in favor and 2 abstained.

Special Meeting of the Economic Development Committee, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) June 5, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Julio Peguero, Chair
Tony Lopez, Ass't Chair
Helen Morik
Rita McKee
Rafael Osoria
Cheryl Pahaham
Ruddy Santana
Jonathan Tasini
Janifer Wilson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Helen Morik

Staff Present
Jeffrey A. Laufer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Manny Velazquez, Chair
Martin Collins
Beatrice Hall
George Espinal
Sybil Dodson-Lucas
Edith Prentiss
Kotie Cannon
Dr. Pamela Palanque-North
Zead Ramadan

Guests: Deputy Inspector Andrew Capul, Commanding Officer 34th PCT; Wendy L. Olivo, Office of Councilmember Jackson; Jose Cury, John Reyes, Frieda Marte, and Katherine Martinez, Arieto Lounge; Luz Bermudez, Resident; Lourdes Perez, Resident; Marianella Gonzalez, Resident;

A special meeting of the Economic Development Committee was convened on June 12th to consider the previous recommendation of the committee and the General Board to support a liquor license for Arieto at 591 Academy St.

Tony Lopez opened the meeting by describing the process of license approval and the circumstances that lead to the decision to conduct a special meeting in the matter of Arieto. There was some confusion about placing Arieto on the agenda for the economic development committee meeting and, as a result, NYPD and members of the public were not made aware that Arieto's request was under consideration. Based on information provided at the last economic development meeting he explained he almost rescinded the resolution to support Arieto. But after reviewing the ABC law which clearly states that an establishment that serves liquor cannot have an *entrance* within 200 feet of a church and actually visiting the location with a tape measure he realized Arieto was not within 200 feet of the church. Also, after some research he realized that the address on 591 Academy does exist on the DOB database.

CB12 staff confirmed that a letter had been sent to the State Liquor Authority (SLA) informing the SLA that the CB was continuing to discuss Arieto's application.

Inspector Andrew Capul of the 34th Precinct reviewed a history of complaints at the location but emphasized that all the complaints were lodged against a previous owner. He explained that the overwhelming number of complaints coming to the precinct were "quality of life" complaints, voicing his concern that another establishment in the area would draw an overwhelming number of people from outside the community and lead to further disruptions to area residents.

Arieto's ownership was represented by Jose Cury. He answered questions posed by the board members. He said the club would set up parking with nearby lots where patrons would receive discounts; the new ownership would take on the stop-work order issued by the Dept of Buildings and pay all fines on the location; the new ownership would hire 7-8 licensed and security personnel; he represented that the new club would benefit the community by creating new jobs and being involved in community events such as the annual Arts stroll.

Several people—John Reyes, Frieda Marte, and Katherine Martinez amongst others—spoke on behalf of the character of Arieto's ownership.

Board member Martin Collins spoke in opposition to the license. Main points: that the license is improperly being granted to 591 Academy, even though the club has a door at 151 Sherman; that the addition of an additional liquor-licensed club at the location would create a public nuisance because Sherman Ave is saturated with liquor-serving establishments.

A number of residents spoke against the liquor license: Luz Bermudez raised a concern about additional bars in the neighborhood; Lourdes Perez, who lives at 581 Academy, said people will keep her up at night; Marianella Gonzalez raised the concern that the police precinct does not have enough people to monitor the location.

A motion was made by Cheryl Pahaham to rescind the recommendation that Arieto be granted a liquor license, seconded by Rita McKee. The vote was 4-4. Therefore, the motion failed by a tie vote of committee members

Board members vote: 8-3 in favor Public votes: 7 in favor, 7 opposed. Respectfully submitted by Jonathan Tasini, reviewed by Tony Lopez, Asst. Chair

Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2007

Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
Dora Maria Abreu
James Berlin
Isaiah Bing
Vivian Ducat
Ines Saldana-Olesen
Ruddy Santana

Committee Members Absent

Martin Collins

Board Members

Manny Velazquez
Cheryl Pahaham

Guests: Rex Curry-Reid Curry, Inc., Ethan Cohen - City College Architectural Center, Edwin Marshall - Dept of. City Planning, Julia Marsh-Manhattan Times, Richard Allman, Greg Fitzgerald-Man. Borough President's Office

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.
2. Mr. Benjamin welcomed new Land Use committee member Ines Saldana-Olesen.
3. Ethan Cohen and Rex Curry of the City College Architecture Center ("CCAC") presented an Executive Summary of the Washington Heights and Inwood Neighborhood District-wide Planning and Land Use Study. The PowerPoint presentation will be repeated for the Executive Committee on June 12th and for the full Board on June 26th.
4. A public hearing has held to obtain comment on the proposed 10-year extension of an existing special permit issued by the Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") for the public parking lot located at 65 Audubon Avenue. Fred Becker, Esq. representing Daniel Frank (also present), the owner of 65 Audubon Avenue, made a presentation to the Land Use committee ("LU" or the "Committee"). Mr. Becker advised that the premises is located on Audubon Avenue between West 168th Street and West 169th Street, measures 50 feet by 100 feet, has been a public parking lot since 1960, accommodates approx. 20 self-park spaces and is used by local residents who rent spaces by the month, i.e.: the parking lot does not serve transient daily users. The monthly parking rate is \$190. It was also noted that public parking lots are not permitted as-of-right under the area's R7-2 zoning therefore a special permit from the Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") is required. The BSA permit for the site was last reviewed in 1995. Renewal of the BSA permit was required in 2005 but filing an application with BSA was delayed due to matters associated with the Department of Buildings. Approval of an extension to the existing BSA permit would be retroactive to 2005. After further discussion a motion was made (Jim Berlin) and seconded (Obie Bing) to approve the requested 10-year extension of the BSA special permit for 65 Audubon Avenue. The motion was approved on the following vote:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members	7	1	0
Board Members	1	0	1
Members of the Public	0	0	0

5. Aaron Malinsky and Paul Slaton of P/A Associates provided LU with an follow-up presentation concerning the proposed development of 4650 Broadway and the mayoral over-ride of zoning which is sought to permit offices of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") and the NYC Police Department

("NYPD") to occupy approximately 120,000 to 130,000 square feet of community facility space to be included in the development. A zoning over-ride is required because office space for city government agencies does not qualify as a community facility use - office space for a not-for-profit organization would qualify as a community facility use. Mr. Benjamin indicated that since P/A's presentation at the May 2007 LU meeting it has provided preliminary architectural plans for the proposed development, a zoning analysis and has responded to a number of questions he raised on behalf of the Committee concerning various aspects of the project. Copies of the architectural plans, zoning analysis and the series of emails containing the aforementioned Q&A were provided to the Committee. Mr. Malinsky also provided the Committee with an updated set of architectural plans. P/A advised LU that the plans are not finalized as the layouts and space requirements of HPD and NYPD continue to be modified. Mr. Benjamin indicated that based on his conversation with the Department of City Planning he understands that a mayoral over-ride of zoning is not provided to private developer/entities but rather to public agencies to provide them with relief from certain zoning requirements when there is a need to locate needed facilities and appropriate sites that are consistent with zoning are not available. Given this he inquired as to why representatives of HPD and NYPD have not reached out to the community board on this matter or joined P/A in its presentations to the Committee. Mr. Malinsky indicated that Deputy Mayor Doctoroff's office has facilitated meetings with P/A, HPD, NYPD and the Manhattan Borough President's office to discuss the project and that P/A was charged with the approaching the community board and ascertaining if it had any objection to the proposed over-ride. Committee members reiterated their general support for the HPD Code Enforcement and NYPD Internal Affairs offices moving to Broadway and Sherman but noted that it would have been preferable for these agencies to make their needs known to the community board directly as opposed to through the developer. It was also suggested that P/A communicate to HPD and NYPD that the community board would appreciate their contacting the office on this matter. After further discussion a motion was made (Dora Maria Abreu) and seconded (Jim Berlin) to advise the mayor's office that the community board does not object to the proposed over-ride of zoning in order to accommodate offices of HPD and NYPD leasing what would otherwise be community-facility space in the 4650 Broadway development project. The motion was passed on the following vote:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
LU Committee Members	7	0	1
Board Members	1	0	1
Members of the Public	0	0	0

6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Wayne A. Benjamin

**Committee for Concerns of the Aging
June 12, 2007**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Sybil R. Dodson-Lucas, Chair
Fern Hertzberg, Asst. Chair
Gloria Vanterpool, 2nd Asst. Chair
Ramona Gomez
Nelson Rojas

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Public Member
John Kinney

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CB12 Staff: Deborah Blow, Community Coordinator

Guests: Margaret Fitzgerald-Resident, Ethel Stoll Linder, Norma De Candido-Residents, Jim McNiff-Resident, Jennie Smith-Residents, Lois Bricker-Resident, David List-New York Presbyterian, Julio Batista-New York Presbyterian, Dorothy Pasquale-Residents, Verna Arthur-DFTA, Darcia Morris-NYS Psychiatric Institute, Gretchen Wagner-Global Strategy, John Gutierrez-Global Strategy Group, Vames La Taylor-SHS, Jane Wise-Thomas, Thelma Adair Medical Center

Meeting convened at 10:15am, greetings to attendees and opening remarks by Sybil Dodson-Lucas, Chair

Presentation of Agenda

Project NOMME presented home care and escort services, which charges nine dollars an hour, is hired through YMHA. Positive responses were given from Norma de Candido and Ethel Stoll Linder.

How to follow up with aide if seen in public being less than kind.

Agency that employs aide can help, if they work for an agency.

Medicare Advantage- revisiting the resolution.

John Gutierrez, represents National Coalition of Medicare Advantage Providers. He focused on the fact that Medicare Advantage remains a choice for seniors; concern about returning to Medicaid or fee-for-service Medicare. On balance, subscribers are happy with their managed care providers.

Helen Morik's email: Cuts will impact profits of insurance companies that manage Medicare Advantage programs.

- a) How many of our seniors are impacted by this program? Not broken down by the community board. There are 50,000 people participating in Manhattan.
- b) Medicare Choice vs. Medicare Advantage
- c) Do non-profits that participate have different plans?
- d) Don't want to put children against seniors.

Julio Batista and David List present on behalf of NYPH in response: How will SCHP be funded? Looking at profit margin of insurance companies as a source of money (for those programs is not unreasonable).

Tobacco Tax is another possible source of funding for SCHP.

Janet Wise-Thomas from Thelma Adair Medical Center

Program Director- Special program for seniors "Integrated Health Care for Seniors" including treatment for depression. Psychiatrist (on demand and bilingual).

NYC Department for the Aging wants to take meals assessments out of senior centers and have case management agencies do all needs assessments. This will slow process of starting new individuals on meals. Also decreasing the numbers of case management contracts around the city, combining communities and decreasing local access.

The resolution on case management was presented.

Resolution on case management

	Board	Public
In favor	5	4
Opposed	0	0
Abstain	0	0

Respectfully submitted by Sybil Dodson-Lucas, Chair and Fern Hertzberg, Asst Chair