

Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee
June 1, 2010 (CB12 Offices at 711 W. 168th Street)

Committee Members Present: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair; George Fernandez; David Kach; Rabbi Josef Kalinsky; Zead Ramadan; Joe Wojak; **Committee Members Absent:** Emilia Cardona; Cynthia Carrión George Cruz, Assistant Chair (exc); Jasmine Moy; **Staff:** Paola Garcia

Guests: Juan Jimenez, 606 Restaurant Inc.; George Bloomer, Douglas Nash & Danny Mercado, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation; Leslie Peoples & Christina Reimer, Stantec; Margaret Connors McQuade, Hispanic Society of America; Laura Fincher, Community Resident; Marie Isaac, Community Resident

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with opening remarks & updates:

- NYS budget for state parks, including Riverbank, was restored, though funds came at the expense of the state's environment budget.
- New Greenmarket at Ft. Washington Ave., between 168 and 169th St. to open on July 6th.
- Farmer participating in community supported agriculture program is offering shares delivered curbside by PS/IS 187 on Thurs. mornings. In addition to offering our community yet another option for farm-fresh produce, this may enhance the viability of the schoolyard as a potential venue for a Sunday greenmarket, for which there is still significant community interest. Will see how this works out over the summer.
- No Sherman Creek updates; hopefully EDC will be ready with a report in the fall.
- Also no follow-up needed regarding Parks Departments proposed new regs on vending of expressive materials.
- Went with Wayne Benjamin (Chair, Land Use Committee) on a walk-through of the Bakerfield site and the portion of Inwood Hill Park next to which CU is building a new one-acre park. Reiterated to CU the importance of public waterfront/waterway access as part of the development of this site.
- Freedom's Sister's exhibit: no news since May meeting; will follow up with Harlem Historical Society and Shabazz Center as there is significant interest in making the exhibit available and accessible to the community in this location.

Hispanic Society of America Museum & Library (presentation by Margaret Connors McQuade, HSA Asst. Director)

- Extensive renovation in progress. First phase (\$5.5 million) focused on repainting/re-hanging of the main gallery and a full renovation of the gallery where the Sorolla murals are displayed. Gallery space restored, roof replaced, and huge Sorolla murals reinstalled following a successful 2-and-a-half year tour of Spain.
- Objectives of additional renovation include repairs to the building façade, add climate control, terrace renovation, ADA compliance work, and improvement education programs.
- Questions (Zead): How is the museum prepared to deal with increased visitor traffic and security issues? A: Visitor space is limited to 150 at a time. They don't anticipate problems as a result. (Liz) anticipated timeframe for ADA compliance? A: Depends on funding availability; HSA has plans for ADA compliance, but not enough funding.

Ms. McQuade encourages visitors; asked the public to write electeds and encourage them to support the HSA and its funding request.

IHP Tennis Court renovation project (presentation by Leslie Peoples, Stantec (design contractor) & Douglas Nash, DPR Landscape Architect)

- Inwood Hill Park's tennis courts and basketball courts scheduled for renovation. Comfort station and the three eastern courts are not included in current design due to lack of funds.
- Problems to fix: court surfaces cracked and subsiding. Will resurface and add new court posts and nets for the basketball courts and the four western tennis courts. Eastern tennis courts and comfort station to remain open during renovation.
- Parks had some input on re-orienting some of the tennis courts, but new orientation would result in the loss of a tennis court; as a result, the current configuration will remain.
- Columbia University may be able to provide funding for remaining tennis courts (\$325k) and comfort station repairs (\$650k) as part of their required give-back for use of public lands at their boathouse site.
- Questions: (George Fernandez) Doesn't Parks have personnel to do construction? Was concerned about excessive (sub-)contracting. A: DPR does not have the capability for such a project, and must contract it out.

Committee and public expressed enthusiastic support for the project, if also regret that funds are insufficient to cover all of the courts and the comfort station. Ms. Lorris Ritter will follow up with CU to see if they can fund this additional work as part of the Bakerfield site development.

Announcements & New Business

- ArtStroll events all this month; see next week's Manhattan Times for a complete guide of upcoming open galleries and events, including an opening reception at the Hispanic Society June 3rd, from 7pm-9pm.
- Joe Wojak asked Parks if they knew anything about possible herbicide spraying on the service road behind the Dyckman Marina and further down that path. No information available. DPR's Danny Mercado will look into the matter, and report back at the next meeting.
- Residents complained about illegal cookouts at or near the 157th St. steps. While that situation is unacceptable, it's not a Parks/Cultural Affairs Committee issue; Ms. Lorris Ritter recommended contacting the District Manager to flag with both the Police and Fire Departments, as well as calling 311 and raising the issue with the 33rd Precinct Community Council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Wojak, edited by Elizabeth Lorris Ritter.

**HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE / HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING – MINUTES – June 3, 2010**

H&E COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon, Isaiah Bing, Ernest Kach, Edgard Nau.

ABSENT: Helen Morik, Andria Reyes, Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

H&HS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Pahaham, Glenda Swanson-Massa, Juan Alonzo, Melanie Hidalgo, Anthony Parsons (Public Member).

ABSENT: Carol Mulligan.

OTHER CB 12 MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin Collins,

GUESTS: Sarah Morgridge, Council Member Robert Jackson's Office; Margaret Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Oppenheimer, Jerry Fox, Rita Petruska, Ginia Addo, Shelley Bulman, Beverly Simmons, Bernice Frazier, Zeev Yores, Benjamin Belth.

Obie Bing convened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

- **Forum for Tenants on Bedbugs** – This forum was co-sponsored by Council Member Robert Jackson and Community Board 12. Sarah Morgridge, the Council Member's chief of staff, began by explaining that this forum was one of a series organized by his office for different constituencies in his district and that this one is geared for renters. Edgar Butts, PhD, Division of Environmental Health, NYC Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene, then gave a Powerpoint presentation and made the following points about bedbugs:
 - They can be controlled
 - No evidence that bedbugs spread disease
 - Primarily human blood suckers, feed only on mammal or bird blood
 - Most active at night, generally hide in daytime
 - *Cimex lectularius* (scientific name)
 - Small 3/16" long, oval, flat, reddish brown
 - Excrete partially digested blood in feces ("rusty spot")
 - Travel 5 to 20 feet to feed, do not fly
 - Feed every few days, but an adult can live one year without a blood meal
 - Nymphs turn redder than adults after a blood meal
 - Anyone can get them
 - In most cases people bring them in via luggage or furniture; do not bring home street furniture
 - They travel between apartments via small crevices and cracks in walls and floors
 - Primarily hide in undisturbed places or as close to the host as possible
 - Life cycle 4-5 weeks; one female can lay 200-500 eggs in a lifetime
 - Many people bitten by bedbugs have no reaction, some have severe ones; most common symptoms are itchy welts.
 - Do-it-yourself insect bombs are ineffective and dangerous
 - Fact sheet on hiring pest professionals available on website (nyc.gov/health); you should hire only licensed professionals, insist on integrated pest management service
 - Exterminator should return 5 weeks after initial visit for follow-up

Obie Bing thanked Dr. Butts and opened the floor up to questions from the audience. Several questions were asked regarding how you should deal with visitors, what type of luggage you should use, whether tenants can insist on landlords hiring exterminators who utilize integrated pest management techniques, whether landlords can increase the rent to cover the cost of exterminating bedbugs, etc. Anthony Bright from HPD stated that landlords are responsible for paying the costs and cannot ask tenants for extra rent.

At this point the forum was concluded. The Health & Environment Committee then met separately to continue its meeting.

- **Old Business**

- S. Simon distributed copies of letters sent by George Gasparis, the executive director of the Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) Institutional Review Board (IRB), to open-heart surgery patients or relatives of patients who were misled into participating in the disputed clinic drug trial involving intravenous fluids that was conducted in 1999-2001. The letter admits the study "was flawed in two important ways": the consent form incorrectly identified the principal purpose of the study and did not inform the patients that half of the subjects would receive fluids containing hetastarch that had an increased risk of causing bleeding. The letter goes on to state that Columbia has determined that the patients who received the fluids with hetastarch suffered adverse consequences: a higher incidence of increased bleeding during and after surgery, a temporary worsening of kidney function and "a greater frequency of re-operation (e.g., being taken back to the operating room for more surgery)." It was agreed that committee members will study the letters and offer comments at the next meeting.
- I. Bing reported that he has reviewed the Environmental Assessment Statement prepared by the Department of City Planning for Columbia's Baker Field project, a new athletic facility to be built at Broadway and W. 218th St. He said it raises lots of issues involving excavation of the site, underground contamination from oil spills, etc. He urged the committee chair to review the document as well.
- S. Simon reported that he spoke to Myra Linares, Con Edison's community liaison for the M29 transmission line and substation project, and that she is willing to give us an update at our July meeting and arrange for a tour of the substation and tunnel in October.

- **New Business**

- Benjamin Belth, co-chair, health & safety committee, PS/MS 278 PTA, reported on an oil waste spill that came from Broadway Wash & Lube's adjacent lot, Broadway & W. 219th St., on May 23. He said the dumpsters there often leak onto the sidewalks where students pass on their way to and from the school. He said the car wash said it was runoff from garbage containers. The lot is used to park cars and to store garbage. DEP responded to a complaint, but he has been unable to obtain a copy of the report. After some discussion, S. Simon said CB 12 would look into the matter and try to obtain a copy of the report. Belth said he understood that the business had a right to be there and in fact was there before the school was built, but that it should be a good neighbor.
- I. Bing said he would attend Public Service Commission hearing on proposed Con Edison rate increases and that he also will be meeting with Con Ed to discuss the 10-year sustainability plan for Washington Heights & Inwood.

- **Mail** was reviewed.

- **Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the committee would meet on July 8 to discuss the EMS turnaround times at the NYPH emergency rooms, the M29 project, a clinical drug trial for traumatic brain injury patients, the CUMC IRB letters and any other issues that may arise.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Edgard Nau & Steve Simon

Traffic and Transportation Meeting
Monday, June 7, 2010

Committee attendees: Anita Barberas; James Berlin; George Nelson Preston, Chair;
Yosef Kalinsky; Absent, Edith Prentiss

Board Member, Leonardo Blackman **Staff:** Deborah Blow

Guests: Francis Medina, Steve Giannatos, Samuel Soto, Jason Mata, William Fernandez,
Frankie Monge, Jr., Mitchell Glenn, Zoila Almonte, Katie Gomez and Rita Munoz of
Mt. Cavalry Church (212 281 7665).

Meeting began at 7:15pm due to the last minute change in venue.

Josh Orzeck presented on the request for Angle Parking on Sherman Avenue.

In general there are two main reasons to create new angle parking, 1) to increase parking spots and 2) have a calming affect on traffic flow. It is not clear exactly how many new spaces could be created. The DOT will do a study to determine how many more spots will be available and whether it should be 60 degree or 90 degree angle parking. Although residents from Sherman Avenue Emailed Chair George Nelson Preston, no one showed up at the meeting to discuss the issue. James Berlin suggested that if they are not interested in attending the meeting then we should not necessarily take this request further at this point.

Comments regarding community input on the 162nd street intersection. Residents had approved of the plan, construction on which may start as early as August re. traffic flow, parking and pedestrian crosswalks but had expressed strong reservations about the usage (might result in a disturbing nuisance) and maintenance of the Green Street 'triangle' that would be part of the plan. DOT representative Orzeck suggested maintenance might possibly be done through community partners. Chair Preston mentioned that there is already a community garden at 463 W 162 Street and that perhaps they might wish to expand. There was mention of benches and or bicycle racks being placed there. Mention was also made of the space being used as a tour bus layover. Preston mentioned that he had a feeling that residents would object to the increase of bus loads of tourists walking through Sylvan Terrace to get to Jumel Mansion if the 'triangle' became a tour bus layover and that its present location on Edgecombe Avenue (Paul Robeson Blvd.) was most likely what residents would prefer. Loading and unloading of tour buses requires additional information and discussion with community members. The DOT will address the "missing crosswalk" at the 162nd and Amsterdam intersection by bringing the north crosswalk as far south as possible to create a one conflict-free crosswalk on Amsterdam connecting East with West. This is the best solution for now. The new crosswalk, to located in what is now the middle of St. Nicholas (midway bet. 160 and 162) connecting to future sidewalk will become the best and safest way to cross to Amsterdam from the SE corner of St. Nicholas and 161/162 St.

Josh Orzeck suggested that we draft a resolution regarding the Greenstreet and everything mentioned in the letter from the borough commissioner – include thoughts on who is going to do the upkeep (the area will be an entire block long and close to 50 feet wide) and present it at the next board meeting. Resolution passed 4-0-0 by committee members, 1-0-0 for CB12 members, 6-0-0 from members of the public.

Street Co-Naming

A request for a street co-naming was presented by representatives from 189th street to rename a street corner (189th and Wadsworth North East corner) next to building 621 West 189th Street after Sergeant Merlin German, a native of Washington Heights, and heroic ex-marine who died during service to our country in Afghanistan. Merlin received a purple heart from President Bush in April 2008 before his death. A Resolution to co-name the street “Sergeant Merlin German Way” passed 4-0-0 by the committee members; 1-0-0 by the CB12 Board member present and 7-0-0 from members of the public.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Minutes submitted by Yosef Kalinsky

Committee for the Concerns of the Aging Minutes
June 8, 2010

Members Present

Gloria Vanterpool
Edgard Nau

Committee Members Absent

Glenda Swanson Massa (excused)

Guests

Norma De Candido
Gina Addo

Meeting convened at 10:15am with a warm welcome to all by Chairperson, G. Vanterpool, especially to our guests.

Old Business

Senior Advocacy Day

A group of seniors from Washington Heights community traveled to City Hall, May 12, 2010 to attend a City Council Hearing regarding the proposed budget cuts to Senior Centers programs and closure of 50 centers in N.Y.C. They met with our Council members, Ydanis Rodriguez and Robert Jackson received and acknowledged supports for senior program operation and hope discussion with both leaders will halt any future budget cuts. The Council members promised to be in touch regularly.

Health Committee

E. Nau reported that the Health and Housing Committee will cosponsor a "Bed Bug Forum" with Councilman Jackson on June 11th in our community. This has become a serious problem throughout the city. Copies of a booklet was distributed to all present to place in building lobbies The name is "Preventing & Getting Rid of Bed Bugs Safely"

Boro President Advisory

G. Vanterpool reported on a meeting she attended (May 19th) at which Deputy Commissioner (C. Resnick) of Dept. for Aging discussed the proposed budget cuts that would affect all senior programs operated by Dept. for Aging due to pending N.Y.State budgets. At present, 50 centers in NYC will close. No centers in Washington Heights will close. Further decisions await the final move made in Albany.

New Business

Senior Rally (local) is to be held June 17th @ 175th St. Wadsworth Ave. All seniors and residents are asked to attend protesting the proposed budget cuts

Caregivers Advisory Board

The committee has been invited to serve on the board with a new program offered in our community operated by Isabella Geriatric. The meeting will be on June 8th and a report will be made at our next meeting

Resolution

A resolution will be prepared by the committee (Budget Cuts Protest) and submitted to the executive committee of the Community Board

Committees Goals & Future Plans

The above were discussed and continue at our next meeting
Meeting was adjourned at 11:20am

Next meeting September 14, 2010 No meeting July & Aug

**Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2010**

Committee Member

Andria Reyes

Committee Absentees

George Cruz(excused)
Julissa Gomez
George Fernandez
Emilia Cardona

Board Members Attending

Frank Alvarez

Guests: Deputy Inspector Joseph Dowling, NYPD 33rd Pct., Clifton Hill-Project Renewal, Samuel Richardson-Ft. Wash. Project Renewal-Men's Shelter, Joselinne Minaya, Capt. Jose Navarro, NYPD 34th Pct., Thomas Sepuveda, Amelia Cerde, Lorraine Irizarry(Residents)

Ms.Reyes, Chair convened meeting 7:10.

Commanding Officer Capt. Navarro of the 34th Pct. began with statistics. He reported that crime is down as compared to last year. He stated that overall crime categories are doing well statistically.

New developments: Capt Navarro has been collaborating with other city agencies e.g. visiting clubs, working with the FDNY and assisting in multi-agency responses.

Deputy Inspector Joseph Dowling, Commander of the 33rd Pct. reported that robberies are up.

- o Arresting a lot of thieves.
- o An increase in rapes for the year(none are stranger rapes)
- o Down in felony assaults
- o Grand larceny(car break ins)
- o Marijuana related shootings still under investigation

Joselinne Minaya, DA Vance's Office provided the group with a press release on the hate crimes unit headed by a seasoned ADA. The CB12 Office will have this press release on file.

Member of the Public reported that at 180th St. to 192nd St. drug traffic is excessive, mostly on every corner. They indicated that police are observing the activity and was wondering why so few arrests. Resident also stated drug dealing also at 612 W. 181st St. Resident expressed his concerns re: vendors taking up sidewalk space.

Dowling stated that he needed more specifics and that he would speak to narcotics supervisor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Andria Reyes, typed by Deborah Blow

Economic Development Committee Meeting- June 1, 2010

EDC Members Present: Nicole Foster, Edith Prentiss, Melanie Hildalgo, Pam Palanque - North

EDC Members Absent: Leonardo Blackman, Rolando Cespedes, Elizabeth Pepin, Ruddy Santana

EDC Members Excused: N/A

CB12 Members Present: George Espinal, Fe Florimon

Staff Members Present: Paola Garcia

Public: Argilio Rodriguez, E Porter, Rabel Oganoa (?), Neil T (?), Annette Dieb (?), Jessica Rivera, Crystal Willis, Margie Matos (?), Esmerlin Cuesta, Juan Hermenez, Alvaro Olivero, Elivan Jimenez, Angel Alexander Pionemtal, Jardo Pedsara (?), Annie Rodriguez, Maggie Clarke, Reuben Vargas, ? Santiago, Kathie Weaver, Julio Martinez, James S (?), Félix D'Oleo, Yokasta Martínez, Idalia Cepete, Katia Polanco, Rafael Cabellos (Rincón Latino Restaurant Bar), Juan Jiménez (606 Restaurant), Alexander Pena (Fort Tryon Café), Yiraida Lee (La Estufa), Emilio Suárez (Umbrella), Álvaro Olivero (AO Caridad), Victor Rodríguez (Elsa La Reina del Chicharrón), Camilo Estévez (El Nuevo Ambiente Restaurant) Félix Fermín & Bruno Gioffre Jr (Versos Wine Bar), Andy Lin (Kobe Sushi), Juan Jiménez (366 Restaurant), Isabel Santiago (Mi Millennium Restaurant), Amy Rodríguez (D'Juniors); Víctor Osorio, Manuel Vidal, Víctor Osorio, Carlos Saint-Hilarie, Yolaine Díaz, Anyelina Chávez, Héctor Luís, Amauri Hernández, Angélica Arache, Angélica Castro, Elisul Jiménez, Yency Rosario, Manuel Gómez, Jason Rosado, Alex Quinines, Carmen Susan Osorin, Alexander D (?), Mitchell A(?), Fernando Mateo, Héctor Santana, Flor Duarte (Mamajuana Café)

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks

Meeting Commenced at 7:18 PM

B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses

1. 366 Audubon Corp - 366 Audubon Avenue (ON PREMISE LIQUOR)

This is a Dominican restaurant that has 6 tables which can seat 20 people and a mini bar that can seat five people. It is open from 8 AM - 9 PM. It currently has 3 employees. It has one camera with multiple lenses and is wheelchair accessible. No objection from the 34th Precinct. No public comment.

EDC 4-0-0 CB 3-0-0 Public 68-0-1

2. Rincon Latino Restaurant Bar Inc- 238 A Sherman Avenue (ON PREMISE LIQUOR)

The establishment was represented by owner Rafael Cabellos. It is a Dominican restaurant. It is open from 8 PM - 4 AM seven days a week. There are 7 employees and 3 - 5 security personnel. There are 4 security cameras. There are 28 tables with 60 chairs. They have a jukebox and a live DJ Friday - Saturday. It is wheelchair accessible and has an accessible bathroom. The 34th Precinct states that the location is problematic, and nuisance abatement has been submitted, once it is approved the location will be shut down. No public comment.

EDC 0-4-0 CB 0-1-2 Public 63-3-1

3. 606 Restaurant Inc dba Mi Pequena Espana- 604-606 A W. 207th Street (ON PREMISE LIQUOR)

This is a Dominican restaurant that was represented by owner Juan Jimenez. It is open 7 AM - 12:30 AM Monday - Thursday, until 2 AM Friday - Saturday, and midnight on Sunday. There are 25 employees. Fifteen tables seat 45 - 50 people on the first floor and ten tables on the second floor seat 20-25 people. There are 12 security cameras. The first floor is wheelchair accessible but not the second. There is a jukebox. The 34th Precinct has no objection. There was no public comment.

EDC 3-0-1 CB 3-0-0 Public 71-0-0

4. Vida Café dba Mamajuana Café- 243-249 Dyckman Street (ON PREMISE LIQUOR)

The establishment was represented by the owner Victor Osorio. The restaurant is fusion Taino primarily based from Spain. It opens at 5 PM. The kitchen closes at 12 AM. The bar closes at 1 AM. It closes at 3 AM only on Saturdays. There are 42 employees in the winter and 62 summer employees. There are 5 security personnel and about 10 cameras. There are live bands on Tuesday and on the weekends there is a DJ. It is wheelchair accessible. The 34th precinct objects to the renewal. It states that there frequently deal with police issues at 3 and 4 AM. They are intending to due a sound review this weekend. They believe that the establishment is not doing enough to help police the area. The public that was in favor believes that the establishment can work with the community and that they cannot control all of the noise that occurs on Dyckman St. They believe that not all of the noise is caused by their establishment. They said that without a license they will not be successful. They believe the motorcyclists make most of the noise. The public in opposition believes that the establishment cannot control their growth and they are not optimistic that things will change. They believe that the establishment needs to engage the community more. There

are many people that have a hard time sleeping due to the noise that they believe is generated from the establishment. NOTE- Video was show of 2 separate occurrences at this location in the evening.

* **VOTE TABLED**- Awaiting outcome of police meeting with establishment and community.

5. El Generalismo Restaurant Inc dba Hispaniola Restaurant- 839 W. 181st Street (ON PREMISE LIQUOR)

No representative present, thus it is an automatic no vote.

6. 4986 Broadway El Nuevo Ambiente Corp dba El Nuevo Ambiente Restaurant- 4986 Broadway (RESTAURANT WINE)

This is a Dominican restaurant that was represented by owner Camillo Estevez. There are 6 tables that each seat 5 people. There are 3 security cameras with 2 screens. It is open 8 AM-midnight. There is a jukebox. It is wheelchair accessible. There is no objection from the 34th Precinct. There is no pubic comment.

EDC 4-0-0 CB 3-0-0 Public 23-0-1

7. Kobe Sushi- 827 W. 181st Street (RESTAURANT WINE)

This is a restaurant that serves Sushi and Japanese food. It was represented by Andy Lin. There are 5 small tables that seat 10 people and 6 tables that seat 4 people for a total of 38 seats. There are 11 employees during the week and 2 to 4 more on the weekends. There are 6 cameras. The establishment is wheelchair accessible, but not the bathroom. There is no objection from the 34th Precinct. There was no public comment.

EDC 4-0-0 CB 2-0-0 Public 21-0-1

8. Fort Tryon Café & Grill dba Fort Tryon Café- 4026 10th Avenue (RESTAURANT WINE)

The establishment was represented by Alexander Pena. It is a sandwich shop. There are 3 little tables that seat 2 people per table and 1 table in the middle that seats 4 people for a total of 10. There are 3 employees. It is open from 10 AM-9 PM Monday- Thursday and until 2 AM Friday-Sunday. They plays music through an I pod. It is not wheelchair accessible because structurally it cannot support making the renovations. There is no objection from the 34th precinct. There is no public comment.

EDC 3-0-1 CB 2-0-0 Public 21-0-1

9. La Estufa Inc- 5025-5035 Broadway (RESTAURANT WINE)

The establishment was represented by Yiraida Lee. It is a small restaurant that serves Italian and America organic food. It is open from 11:30 AM-10:30 PM. There are 10 employees. There are 12 tables that only seat two each. There are 8 cameras. It plays music through the radio. It is not wheelchair accessible. There is no objection from the 34th Precinct. There is no public comment.

EDC 3-0-1 CB 2-0-0 Public 21-0-1

C. Department of Consumer Affairs Renewal Application for Unenclosed Sidewalk Café

10. Restaurant 101 Inc dba Dyckman Express- 101 B Dyckman Street

No representative present, Thus it is an automatic no vote

D. Department of Consumer Affairs Renewal Application for Cabaret License

11. 202 Umbrella Inc- 440 W. 202nd Street

The establishment was represented by owner Emilio Suarez. It is a lounge that hosts parties and serves finger food. It is predominantly a catering hall that is only open when there is an event. It occupancy is 470 people. There is a bar but no seats at the bar. It is open from 5 PM to 4 AM, but final hours are dependent on the event. They contract to a security company and usually have 12 people working security. All guards are licensed by NY State. The guards are not armed. They have 30 closed circuit video cameras. There is parking in the back and front. There are 6- 8 waiters, 20 staff in total. There is no objection from the 34th Precinct. The public raised no objection after questions about the relationship between the police and the establishments were answered.

EDC 4-0-0 CB 2-0-0 Public 21-0-2

E. State Liquor Authority New Applications

12. AO Caridad Restaurant Inc- 4799 Broadway

It was represented by owner Alvaro Olivero. It is a restaurant that serves Dominican and Caribbean food. It has 18 tables that seat about 70 and there are 8 seats at the bar. They are open from 6 AM to midnight Sunday - Thursday and until 3 AM on Friday - Saturday. They play music through a jukebox and have a piano bar on Friday and Saturday. In addition, they

Land Use Committee Meeting – Minutes

June 2, 2010

Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
Isaiah Bing
James Berlin
Tamara Rivera

Committee Members Absent

Richard Allman

Board Members

Public Members Present

Vivian Ducat

Guests: Annice Alt, Nadezhda Williams – Historic Districts Council, Andrea Goldwyn – Landmarks Conservancy, Ana Sofia Huertia

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM
2. Land Use Committee Chair Wayne Benjamin stated that Edwin Marshall of the NYC Department of City Planning (“DCP”) contacted him earlier in the day to advise of a work emergency that prevents him from attending the Land Use Committee (“Land Use” or the “Committee”) meeting. The discussion of DCP’s proposed Car Sharing Zoning Text Amendment was postponed to a later date.
3. The Committee discussed the C8 Rezoning study (the “Study”) completed by Planning Fellow Matthew Sloane in April 2010 and also reviewed its conversation with Edwin Marshall concerning the matter at the May 2010 LU meeting. There was agreement in principal on a resolution requesting that DCP undertake the actions necessary to rezone most of the C8 zoning districts in Washington Heights and Inwood, consistent with the recommendations of the Study, but with emphasis given to ensuring that any rezoning be sensitive to the height and bulk of the existing buildings nears the rezoned C8 districts. Chair Benjamin was requested to provide the Committee with a draft of the complete resolution for review. Any questions or comments on the resolution will be emailed only to Chair Benjamin and will not be discussed via email among Committee members. The Committee agreed to meet on June 22nd, prior to the start of the General Meeting, to formally consider the resolution. Chair Benjamin will coordinate with the District Manager to facilitate adequate public notice of the June 22nd LU meeting [subsequent to the LU meeting the District Manager conferred with the MBPO and was advised that a minimum of one week’s public notice of a proposed meeting is satisfactory].
4. Nadezhda Williams of the Historic District Council and Andrea Goldwyn of the Landmarks Conservancy met with the Committee to discuss strategies for preparing a successful request for evaluation for a new historic district. The discussion began with an overview of the LU meetings held in 2010 to discuss concepts for new or expanded historic districts and also included matters such as historic designation of parks, scenic views / easements, the consideration given to development pressures in the evaluation of a proposed historic district, stakeholder interest and the need for the support of elected officials. Additional matters discussed included the need for adequate photo documentation, a clear and compelling narrative of why a proposed district merits designation, issues and conflicts that often arise in defining district boundaries / edges and working with architecture students at City College and Columbia to assist with research and related matters.
5. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Benjamin

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
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Committee Member

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Dowling stated that he needed more specifics and that he would speak to narcotics supervisor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Andria Reyes, typed by Deborah Blow