

**Community Board 12, Manhattan**  
**General Meeting – March 23, 2010 – Russ Berrie Pavillion**  
**Irving Cancer Research Center**  
**1150 St. Nicholas Avenue**

**PRESENT**

Jackie Rowe Adams	Cynthia Carrión
Richard Allman	Rolando Cespedes
Juan Carlos Alonzo	George Cruz
Anita Barberis	George Espinal
Wayne Benjamin	Nicole Foster
James Berlin	Melanie Hidalgo
Isaiah Bing	David Ernst Kach
Leonardo Blackman	Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky
Emilia Cardona	Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

Maria Luna
Glenda Swanson Massa
Jasmine Moy
Edgard Nau
Pam Palanque North
Cheryl Pahaham
Elizabeth Pepin

George Nelson Preston
Andria Reyes
Tamara Rivera
Ruddy Santana
Steve Simon

**EXCUSED**

Martin Collins
Julissa Gomez
Tony Lopez
Edith Prentiss
Zead Ramadan

**ABSENT**

Dora Maria Abreu
Rev. Antonio
Almonte
George Fernandez
Helen Morik
Carole Mulligan
Audrey Perez
Gloria Vanterpool
Joe Wojak

The Chair, Pamela Palanque North, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Ms. North recognized Cynthia Carrion as the appointed secretary for tonight's meeting. While we waited for quorum to adopt the minutes and agenda Ms. North Asked Deputy commanding officers of both the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct to speak on public safety.

**Inspector Andrew Capul of the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct:**

- Great to be here, just to give you an update reduction in crime an 8% decrease down in all areas of violence. Things have turned around. Already at the beginning of the year we are down 3% and we are fighting our own success.
- However, there was a reported jump in police officers are being assaulted up about 300% and the department is reviewing each incident
- Fighting some issues of car break-ins: reoccurring in desolate areas, generally areas that people don't frequent often. Urges community to report suspicious behavior. A few arrests have been made due to public call ins.
- Gearing up for the summer and quality of life issues:
  - Motorcycle racing (will be requesting chariots to assist in seizure of motorbikes). Las year was able to sieze many bikes but thinks this year may be different as many are now licensed.
  - Attacking the noise complaints
- David Ernst Kach inquired about an email received on attacks of young women by 181 St.
  - Capul: We had this type of occurrence a few years ago. We are working with MTA tunnel auxiliary officers
- As residents what should we do: Call 911 get a good description, follow them home but do not put your own life in danger
- Better to Call 911 directly then to the district / precinct
- Maria Luna: How many officers to you actually have?
  - Capul: we have 165 officers, we also have officers on limited duty stabilized at that number (with a few drops) we would appreciate more officers but the Academy classes are very small. With budget cuts only 200 officers in academy.

**Deputy Inspector Joseph V. Dowling of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct:**

- Crime down about 8% except in homicide due to two incidents. One in January, individual apprehended and pending charges. 2<sup>nd</sup> homicide on 165<sup>th</sup> St. at knife point. Individual was apprehended and took his own life in custody.
- Summertime – increase in motorcycle confiscation. Sometimes takes the bikes in himself. Trained staff in the DWI arrests, vehicular assaults and homicide with use of a car. We are also looking at officer assaults
- Nuisance abated on license civil enforcement on closing establishments that are on going problematic locations. Major complaint is the noise from local residents. If owners and patrons cannot
- 150 officers and 19 sergeants (going to lose about 5 sergeants as they are getting promoted) but it will be staggered. Looking at a small group of officers coming from IMPACT
- Chacabana and Claridad, 1985 Amsterdam and Dejavu
- Graffiti: We document it and see the signature of the tag. Using non-profit to work on getting clean-up.
- Wished everyone a Happy Holiday

Quorum established at 7:30pm

Motion to adopt agenda by George Espinal seconded by Emilia Cardona

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter motions to adopt the minutes with friendly amendment so that resolutions match the numbers and Isaiah Bing seconds

**Chair's Report - Pamela Palanque North**

Wished everyone upcoming happy holiday and presented PowerPoint of activities Ms. North has been involved in:

- City Council Hearing on Community Boards : Provided testimony at the Council Hearing on the function and value of Community Boards. Not obligated to meet over the Summer, but we do have the opportunity to have a workshop/ informal discussion on charter revision. Pam will work with the DM and BPO on the issue.
- Requested that the Community Board's budget be restored to FY 2000 levels.
  - Discussed the functions of the Community Board and how they add value to the democratic process.
- Attended the MBP Press Conference on Youth Violence in WAHI and other NYC Schools
  - Members of the Youth & Education and Public Safety Committee along with the Board Chair, gathered at GW-HS to express deep concern about the stabbing of a GW HS Youth and other violence amongst Teens.
  - The Borough President and other elected officials are working with DOE and the NYPD to address the problem of bullying and violence in our schools.

- CB 12M Submission to OMB of Our Statement on NYC Response to our Budget Priorities –
  - Vice Chair Pahaham, facilitated the Public Hearing on our Budget Priorities which led to the submission of a written "Statement" to NYC on our FY 2011 Capital & Expense Needs
- Relocation of the CB12M Office by Columbia University and NYC
  - Vice Chair Cardona, DM Smith and the Board Chair met with DCAS officials to review the plans regarding the relocation of the CB12M Office to the Alianza Plaza. The Executive Committee will discuss a strategy for ensuring that the Board can be located in a space that facilitates the fulfillment of its mission.
  - Glenda Swanson Massa asked regarding the move, have we discussed why we are moving? And our quest for space will we need to pay for our new location, if so how much?
    - Ms. North responded: Columbia Medical needs their space. Verbal agreement that the space was granted in perpetuity. City of New York will need to pay for space, therefore we have
  - Space is adequate very different to what we have.
- New York – Presbyterian Hospital will Co-Host a "Healthcare Reform Legislative Breakfast" with Elected Officials, CB12M, Isabella Center on April 22<sup>nd</sup> (details on the immediate impact of healthcare reform on services to this community, will be discussed).
- CB12M is in discussion with the NY Legal Aid Society and the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund to conduct a Community Forum with Youth on *Gang Violence: What You Need To Know About The Severity in Charges and Penalty's*

#### **District Manager's Report, Ebenezer Smith (7:47pm):**

Referred members to the report:

- By Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> DM will need to reduce budget to prevent possibly layoffs. Urges elected offices to support CB 12
- Starting April 15<sup>th</sup> Library will be closed for a year due to renovations 160<sup>th</sup> and St. Nicholas
- Audubon Ave and 190<sup>th</sup> and 191<sup>st</sup> qualifies for speed bump but needs a CB 12 letter of support/ resolution (speed bump has been requested since 2000)
- Sherman Creek Waterfront Esplanade: Participated in community input session on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss Sherman Creek waterfront.
- Mayor's Office and DOT agreed to send Traffic Agents to 181<sup>st</sup> due to traffic congestions for rush hours (not for enforcement).
- 2010 Census Outreach and community event strategy at Yeshiva University to encourage census compliance for March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Urges Board and community members to fill out the Census Questionnaire. CB 12 office will have a Census representative from March 19<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 1pm
- NY Road Runners Jamboree on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Randall's Island.
- George Cruz asked if the speed bump will impact parking and that the speed bump is a welcomed addition to Isabella. It should not.
- Encouraged all to attend the Go Green Community event on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of April at Upper Highbridge Park

Thanked the Board and community for their support.

Special Report:

#### **UNIDOS Coalition – Angelo Ortiz (7:57pm)**

Discussed the Drug Free Communities Initiative and CB 12 –Grant to reduce and prevent youth alcohol, tobacco, illicit drug, and inhalant abuse and strengthen community collaboration around youth alcohol use / abuse. UNIDOS Coalition received grant for WH-I Community. Activities include a WH –I Partnership Community Resource Guide, Needs Assessment and Youth Surveys. Past collaborations include Project Post and Vermilyea, WHI Youth Council, Center for Youth Violence Prevention. Impact nightlife, alcohol and tobacco licenses have on community and youth development. Seeking to change the conditions that allow our youth to drink (presented PowerPoint and packet)

Leslie Davidson, of Columbia University, expressed that this was a Dynamic collaboration in WH-I which is celebrating 10 years. Is working on a *Dating Violence* element of project.

Denise Hykes, of World Vision spoke of 22 week curriculum for youth leadership and how youth are addressing US Congressional Representatives on these issues. Youth Council went to DC urging the building of a youth center in the community.

Melinda V. Hernandez , of WHI Youth Council spoke of the Campaign "Did You Know" that the community wants and needs a youth center to provide counseling, teen pregnancy prevention, and youth leadership. Did you know that WHI has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate in teen pregnancy in the city. She attended a training in Phoenix, AZ to develop skill building.

Mr. Ortiz presented a sample resolution.

Maria Luna: Concerned about the recent incident at GW, do you work around violence? Mr. Ortiz responded that UNIDOS does not but our partners do (working with the partners).

How much is the grant? \$125,000 and is travel heavy, as well as used for youth survey, teen pregnancy and violence prevention work.

Board Member wanted to know if there is a location of vacant land in north of 191 that could be used for Youth Center?

Maria Luna: This has been a high priority for our community.

Pam North: Executive committee will work on resolution in April Meeting.

#### **Borough President's Report**

Jaritzta Taveras for Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer (8:18): Thanked everyone for coming to the press conference on the Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. MBP was joined by many elected officials in support of our youth.

New report exposes that 40% of Manhattan address are unmarked (especially in the commercial corridors).

Community Broad process will be finalized by April 1- Every reapplication and new applicants will be notified by mail their appointments

Encourages everyone to attend the community meeting on Census at Yeshiva as it has serve implications for our area.

Steve Simon asked if there was existing legislation that we can support regarding the new report. Ms. Taveras will look into it.

#### **Public Session (8:23pm)**

Emilia Cardona goes over the rules only 3 minutes (Ms. Ritter created laminated time cards)

Mr. X: Announced upcoming Events including MTA meeting 2010 Railroad PCA

Liz Joglar, Community Health Network (8:26pm) Located at 159<sup>th</sup> and Amsterdam Ave. General Practitioner Health Teens initiatives – Looking at reducing unintended pregnancy and STI. Collaborating with CLOTH, ACDP, and others to discuss risk assessments. Minor Rights allow for 12 – 18 year olds to receive contraceptive information as long the medical physicians consents to their competency in understanding.

Michael Hernandez (8:30pm) as a retired Veteran – Government control protesting of 9-11 Truth Federal IRS is not a sanctioned. Programs for Veterans especially for housing 30% of homeless are vets. Urges for more parents involved in children more mentoring programs for adults

Jennifer Zarr, Fort Washington Branch Manager, NY Public Library (8:33pm) Discussed Library closure for year and a half of Washington Heights Branch due to renovations. NYPL Network Manager Carol Soriano, added that the building, is not currently accessible and repairs will bring it to ADA compliance and technology upgrades (computers for adults and children).. Due to budget restrictions, there will not be trailers. Staff will be relocated to neighboring branches but may not be adding hours as bracing for more budget cuts. You can receive the census forms at Library Ms. North asked about book collections: Books will be preserved, and go into circulation in other neighborhood library which are within walking distance Fort Washington.

Steve Simon: Encourages Library to speak with elected officials

George Espinal, President of 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council (8:42 pm) Urged members to attend the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council. 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct does not have the best fleet to patrol entire community.

Angelo Ortiz (8:44pm): Announced \$10 for raffle in support of Mothers on Post for Play Street on Post Ave. Publicly thanked Steve Simon for connecting them to \$25,000 grant.

James Basly, New Theater company for Inwood & WaHi (8:45 pm) Up Theater Company (Uptheater.org) Professional theater to fulfill a gap in services. Want to create opportunity for cultural activities. Encourages community support and is looking for space. Ms. Ritter invites James to the Parks and Cultural Committee on Tuesday to further discuss.

Edward Poteat, President HP Development (8:49 pm): Firm is building a 70 unit at 37 Hillside Ave. Has built more than 1,000 units for affordable housing. Plans to break ground in middle on next spring or summer. Collaborated with Family Baptist Church and would like a letter of support from CB 12. Juan Alanzo asked about past opposition to 10 story building - For construction you used many grants, any budget challenges due to budget cuts and if so contingency plans. "Homes for Working Plans" is not a problem. Gave out copies of presentation Was their community outreach in support of the project?

Steve Simon: Apartment breakdown 70 units? Not only for seniors and working family 50% of units are affordable units.

Element of Daycare facility? Looking to target NYCHA senior section 8. Project open to working families. As a larger project, not able to take on Income Guidelines : see Land Use minutes

Cheryl Pahaham (9:00pm) Announced New Free support group for Moms of Children with Autism and ADHD. Contact Kathleen (katgmh@gmail.com)

Patrick Quinones, Director of the Wildcats - Tackle Football Team (9:01 pm) NYC Youth Football League Looking for 10 – 13 year olds to enroll in program as well as any form of support. More information can be found at Washingtonheightswildcats.myspace.com

Home Field is Van Cortland Park contact us [washingtonheightswildcats@live.com](mailto:washingtonheightswildcats@live.com)

Carmen Acosta (9:04 pm) Discussed Health Care Project – Greater NY Hospital (healthcare reform is passed) health care disparity - response rate for emergency. Support soda tax. Fill out cards and Carmen will pick it up. Asks that the community board to support the Alliance for a Healthy New York

Jose Adamas (9:08 pm) 2005 ran for Mayor, has run for over 7 positions, believes Bloomberg did not legally run. Board of Elections is not taking his case.

Cynthia Carrion, Uptown Soccer Academy (9:10pm): Soccer program is looking for youth 7 – 14 years old girls and boys for free after school soccer program at Dyckman Fields. More information contact [uptownsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:uptownsoccer@gmail.com)

#### **Elected Officials' & Representatives' Reports (9:11pm):**

Yuvelqui Rivera for NYS Senator Eric Schneiderman: Introduced anti-Domestic Violence bill to Support Strangulation Prevention Act.

Save the dates on Housing Forum on April 24<sup>th</sup> with community. Steve Simon asked about the proposed outreach for Hillside? Ms. Rivera will keep CB 12 posted.

Frank Hess for NYS Assemblymember Herman D. Farrell, Jr. (9:13pm): Referenced the monthly report. Assemblymember Farrell is in negotiations on state budget.

Yokarina Duarte for Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez (9:14pm): Announced the Community showcase on April 10<sup>th</sup> at United Palace to support no budget cuts in our area. Urges that the city cleans –up traffic on 181<sup>st</sup> street instead of handing out tickets. Attended the press conference after bullying incident at GW High School. Encourages members to be a part of ECE.

Maria Luna: Urges that discussions continue with the MTA and Bus drivers for blocking street traffic.

Juan Rosa for Council Member Robert Jackson (9:22pm): Council Member Jackson regrets not being able to attend but is in the process of budget negotiations for the 4 billion-budget deficit (on the committee). Asks for prayers of both victim and perpetrator on the bully incident that occurred at GW High School. Is seeking a holistic approach to the situation. Looking into how the knife was even allowed into the school. Working on new reconstruction project for Tennis and Basketball courts in Inwood Hill Park. Urges everyone to fill out the census form; Councilmember's Office is a site for Census questions. Working with Alianza to bring additional support for SYEP. Would like to congratulations to all women during Women's History Month.

Joselinne Minaya for NY District Attorney Cy Vance (9:28 pm): Discussed the stabbing of student at GW was 14 years old, and is being tried as an adult with 100,000 bail for attempted murder. Following the case closely. Prayers go to both families. Office is working on Cyber Bullying curriculum which also includes bullying. First Townhall, this Thursday at Isabella, urges community members to attend. Summer internship program (both in English and Spanish)

Ms. North clarified that CB 12 will be cosponsoring 3 community events:

Health Care reform breakfast

April 10th Community Showcase Event at United Palace

April 25<sup>th</sup> Go Green Earth Day Event at Highbridge

#### **Committee Reports (9:35pm)**

##### **Nicole Foster for the Economic Development Committee:**

#1: Resolution to RECOMMEND Renewal- ON Premise Liquor to Sports Zone Café dba MIMOSA (263 Sherman Avenue)

Passes 23 – 5 – 2 (13 Absent)

#2: Resolution to RECOMMEND Renewal- Restaurant Wine Pupuseria Ranchito Restaurant Inc dba Pupuseria Restaurant (4129 Broadway)

Passes 29 – 1 – 0 (13 Absent)

#3: Resolution to RECOMMEND Renewal- Restaurant Wine AKM Restaurant Inc. dba Park View Café Restaurant (219 Dyckman St.)

Passes 29 – 1 – 0 (13 Absent)

#4: Resolution NOT RECOMMEND Renewal- Eating Place Beer St. Nicholas Fish Market Inc. dba St. Nicholas Avenue Market (1609 St. Nicholas Ave) Passes 29 – 1 – 0 (13 Absent)

#5: R & M Restaurant REMOVED from voting

#6: Resolution to RECOMMEND NEW- Restaurant Wine - Beans & Vines Corporation (4842 Broadway)

Passes 29 – 1 – 0 (13 Absent)

#7: Resolution to NOT RECOMMEND NEW- Restaurant Wine - Dr. Juice Corp. (1551 St. Nicholas Avenue)

Passes 30 – 0 – 0 (13 Absent)

##### **Not recommended: St. Nicholas Fish Market**

Rationale- This establishment was notified 14 days before the committee meeting and received a follow up phone call to remind them of the meeting and no representative showed up. Given the lack of a representative to address the method of operation and concerns raised by neighbors, the committee voted to not grant a renewal. The community voiced serious concerns about the establishment's method of trash disposal and how it created serious quality of life concerns for residents.

Steve Simon: Additional information needed of resolution on the rationale

Juan Alonzo: Why would the beer impact its quality of life?

Cynthia Carrion: Where are the public votes? Committee voting occurred very late that all public members left meeting.

Concerns over Sports Zone Café Inc.: Recommended that change to opening hours and curtains must be open at all times. This must be understood by all employees. Encourages enforcement to drive By to make sure curtains are open.

Beans and Vines – Showed upcoming EDC

##### **Upcoming Community News and Events:**

Saturday, April 10th- *Small Business Conference*: Topics- Best practices for small businesses, managing and understanding your businesses financial needs, protection strategies, positioning your business in a changing market.

*NY's Empire State Development Fund: The Metropolitan Economic Revitalization Fund (MERF)* provides loans to businesses or governments investing in projects that retain or create a significant number of private-sector jobs in economically distressed areas that are within the geographic area known as the NEW YORK portion of the service area of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. These areas include New York City and parts of Nassau, Westchester and Rockland counties.

**Wayne Benjamin for the Land Use Committee** (9:49pm): Understanding the general demand for housing, and continuing the discussion of the development project at 37 Hillside Ave. Resolution to support the As-Of-Right Development Project proposed at 37 Hillside Ave. And the pending application to the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal for Project funding. Rocky Mountain Baptist Church and HP Development will be redeveloping the property for a 10 story mixed-use building for community, religious and residential uses.

Much smaller project compared to last proposal, and cited a letter of support DHCR Day care center.

Jim Berlin stated that the site is on a very narrow street and language should be included in an additional where as.

Cheryl Pahaham wanted to know why this was not a housing committee issue?

Mr. Benjamin– This resolution would help developers move forward with the grant.

Steve Simon: Should we wait for Housing Committee to review

Cheryl Pahaham: Not necessary as this is a project the committee supports very early in the development but would appreciate ongoing consultation.

Maria Luna: When is this project going to start? Realistic to start in a year.

Maria: Rent will stay affordable? Will include a clause "as long as in permissible by law"

Steve: Can we still request for Day Care? As Mr. Poteat said in his presentation with NYCHA funding, if there is funding

Motion to pass with friendly amendments by Isaiah Bing seconded by Elizabeth Pepin at 10:04pm

Passes 30 – 0 – 0 (13 Absent)

**George Espinal for the Youth & Education Committee:** (10:10pm) In response to the devastating budget cuts to the Summer Youth Employment Program, in which CB 12 will be great impacted as the number of youth eligible to participate will be reduced by 65% from last year's 3,200 SYEP jobs for the area resolution to reinstate funding that ensures CB 12 youth SYEP 2009 number of slots.

Maria Luna commented that SYEP greatly impacts the community.

Motion to pass by Cynthia Carrion seconded by Nicole Foster. Passes 28 – 0 – 0 (15 absent)

**Tamara Rivera for the Public Safety Committee and SAPO** (10:15): Referred to the minutes and discussed 181 Street Box and that 181<sup>st</sup> will be closed for all street permits. Announces Hearing on April 21st and cited that nature of complaints - block party, noise, garbage.

**George Nelson Preston for the Traffic & Transportation Committee:** (10:16pm) Urging as many as possible to attend April 5<sup>th</sup> DOT in addressing two major community issues Sherman Creek and intersection on 181<sup>st</sup>. Referred to committee minutes.

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

**Steve Simon for the Health & Environment Committee:** Referred everyone to minutes

**Elizabeth Lorris Ritter for the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee & New Business:** (10:20pm) Referred everyone to committee minutes and proposed resolution from the floor Opposing the Governor's Proposed Cuts to Riverbank State Park's Budget. Citing the agreement made to residents for the North River Sewage Treatment Plant forced on Northern Manhattan community, urged that the State keep funding for Riverbank State Park.

Jim Berlin noted that State cannot shut down the sewage treatment regardless, also thought it was a Harlem issue not CB 12.

CB 12 will be joining CB 9 efforts in support of reinstating funding to Riverside.

Motion to pass by Maria Luna seconded by George Cruz. Passes 26 – 0 – 1 (16 absent)

**Other New Business** (10:27pm): Ms. Luna reminded members that the meeting on gangs cancelled for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Juan Alonzo noted there were serious potholes on Broadway, he was referred to call DM.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted: Cynthia Carrion

## **Economic Development Committee Meeting 3/2/2010**

**EDC Members Present:** Nicole Foster, Leonardo Blackman, Rolando Cespedes, Melanie Hidalgo, Elizabeth Pepin, Edith Prentiss, Ruddy Santana

**EDC Members Excused:** Tony Lopez

**Staff Member(s) Present:** Paola Garcia

**Public:** Miguel Acosta – MIMOSA; Benancia Almonte – El Rancho Los Compadres; Gus Antón – Parkview Restaurant; Bienvenido Camacho - Rincón Cibaeno #2 Corp.; Francisco Cerrano – Rincón Cibaeno #2 Corp Roberto Delarosa – Parent Advocate; Edson Familia – Beans & Vines; Juan Lozano- Pupusería Ranchito; Alexander Ortega – Beans & Vines; Elizabeth Porter; Capt. Ventrella – 33rd Pct; Lt. Núñez – 33rd Pct; P.O. Pérez Christian; Capt. Navarro – 34Pct.

### **A. Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Meeting commenced at 7:16 PM. Chair welcomed establishment owners and public participants. Chair gave brief overview of new leadership for the committee and reviewed the agenda and meeting procedures.

### **B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses**

#### **On Premise Liquor License**

##### **1. Sports Zone Café Inc. dba MIMOSA (263 Sherman Ave Isham St-207<sup>th</sup> Sts)**

The owner Miguel Acosta represented the establishment. The establishment currently has 10 employees and operates from 6 PM to 2:30 AM Monday-Thursday and 6 PM to 3:30 AM Friday-Saturday. The establishment currently has 2 security personnel and 6 security cameras. It serves appetizers and it is wheelchair accessible including the restroom. The committee asked about the method of operation of the establishment to confirm whether it was a sports bar. He said that his previous establishment was a nightclub. His license was transferred to the new location which is a sports bar. He states there are 3 televisions while they are open. While it may get crowded, he reiterated, it does not have the capacity or capability to be a nightclub. He stated that is family oriented and during the day on the weekend there is karaoke for families. The 34<sup>th</sup> Pct did not raise an objection to the renewal but express a concern that the curtains limit visibility into the bar. At night when they ride by, they often are unable to see in. Mr. Acosta agreed to make sure that the curtains are open at all hours. In regards to questions about the address, on the license both 253-271 and 263 Sherman Avenues are listed as the address. The realty company that owns the block lists their address as the entire block. The mailing address for this establishment is 263 Sherman Avenue.

#### **Restaurant Wine License**

##### **2. Pupuseria Ranchito Restaurant Inc. dba Pupuseria Ranchito (4129 Broadway, 174<sup>th</sup>-175<sup>th</sup> Sts.)**

The establishment was represented by the owner Juan A. Lozano. The establishment is a restaurant that serves Central American food. Currently, it has 4 employees and operates from 10 AM to 11 PM every day of the week. There are not security personnel, however, there are 5 security cameras. The establishment is wheelchair accessible, both at the front door as well as the bathroom. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct raised no objections and supports the renewal of the license. There were no complaints from the public.

##### **3. Rincon Cibaeno #2 Corp. (1306 St. Nicholas Ave, W. 175<sup>th</sup>-176<sup>th</sup> Sts)**

The establishment was represented by the owner Bienvenido Camacho. This establishment is being tabled until the April committee meeting. The 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct raised serious concerns regarding the renewal of the license. The police claim that there have been 3 alcohol related summons for multiple violations post close of business, which include consumption after hours. The police are going to bring the documentation to support these claims. The establishment's attorney Francisco Serrano claims that these summons have been thrown out and that the police could not provide enough evidence at the time of trial for these claims.

**4. AKM Restaurant Inc. dba Park View Café Restaurant (219 Dyckman St. Broadway-Seaman Ave)**

The establishment was represented by the owner **Gus Antoine**. The establishment is a diner that serves American food. There are approximately 10 employees. It operates from 6 AM to 10 PM Sunday through Wednesday and 6 AM to 11 PM Thursday through Saturday. There are no security personnel and approximately 5 cameras. The front door of the establishment is wheelchair accessible; however, the bathroom is not. The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct raised no objections and supports the renewal of the license. There were no complaints from the public. It was suggested that the staff be more attentive to moving the chair near the door that inhibits accessibility.

***Eating Place Beer License***

**5. St. Nicholas Fish Market Inc. dba St. Nicholas Avenue Market (1609 St. Nicholas Ave., 190<sup>th</sup>-191<sup>st</sup> Sts.)**

There was no representative present for the establishment. The community raised concerns about the Fish Market's trash disposal and how it is negatively affecting quality of life on the block. The establishment received an automatic no vote due to the lack of representation at the committee meeting.

***Catering Establishment License***

**6. El Rancho Los Compadres Corp. (110 Sherman Ave Dyckman-Academy Sts)**

This establishment was tabled and will be reconsidered at April committee meeting. Currently, this establishment is operating a catering establishment and a restaurant. The owners have a license to operate the restaurant, but they do not have an alcohol license for the restaurant. They are going to apply for an alcohol license for the restaurant since the bulk of their business is from the restaurant. They are currently in the process of completing that application.

**State Liquor Authority New Applications**

***On Premise Liquor License***

**7. R & M Restaurant Corp. (601 W. 173<sup>rd</sup> St. & St. Nicholas Ave)**

As per committee protocol, this establishment will receive an automatic no vote due to the fact that this is a new license and no representative was present at the meeting. This establishment received notification of the committee meeting almost 2 weeks before the committee meeting.

**8. Shazam Restaurant Corporation Corp. (151 Dyckman St & Sherman Ave)**

This establishment withdrew its application and intends to present at the April Committee meeting.

**9. La Caridad Restaurant (2184 Amsterdam Ave, 168<sup>th</sup>-169<sup>th</sup> Sts)**

This establishment was shut down by court order for a year.

***Restaurant Wine License***

**10. Beans & Vines Corporation (4842 Broadway, Academy-204 Sts)**

The establishment was represented by the owner Kevin Familia. The establishment is a restaurant that serves Mediterranean and American food. It currently has four employees and operates from Tuesday-Sunday from 11 AM to 11 PM. It is closed on Mondays. They have no security personnel or cameras; however, it is looking in to installing 2 cameras. The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct raised no objections to a restaurant wine license.

**11. Dr. Juice Corp. (1551 St. Nicholas Ave, 168<sup>th</sup> -169<sup>th</sup> Sts.)**

As per committee protocol, this establishment will receive an automatic no vote due to the fact that this is a new license and no representative was present at the meeting. This establishment received notification of the committee meeting 6 days before the committee meeting.

**New Business/Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

**Youth & Education Committee**  
**March 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** George Espinal, Chair; Maria Luna; Martin Collins; Leonardo Blackman; Cynthia Carrion; Juan Alonzo

**Member Excused:** Jackie Rowe-Adams

**Members Absent:** Manny Velazquez & Audrey Perez

**Members of the Public:** Lidya Radin; Louis Cabrera, Inwood Community Services; Claudia Oviedo, ACDP; Fe Florimon; Andre White, Deputy Director for DYCD; Tokunba Samuel, DYCD Deputy Director's Assistant; Feliz Castillo, Alianza Dominicana; Jeffrey Avila, CASW

The meeting started at 7:08pm with opening remarks from George Espinal who introduced the members of the committee and guests. He asked Luis Cabrera from Inwood Community Services (ICS) to speak about the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

Mr. Cabrera directs the Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) and SYEP programs at ICS. In 2009, funding provided for 3,200 SYEP jobs in Community Board 12. There's a pending \$19 million cut in New York State funding that will result in a loss of 65% of this year's SYEP jobs. ICS has many Department of Youth & Community Development Programs (DYCD) and all have been cut by various amounts. The SYEP cut will leave thousands of young people Citywide without jobs this summer. ICS was funded for 300 jobs last year, this summer they will provide only 105 jobs if the state funds are not restored. SYEP jobs are filled by Washington Heights-Inwood youngsters in summer camps, healthcare, veterinary, hospital, law, and private offices.

The other community-based organizations weighed-in on their SYEP programs and what the cuts will mean. If the \$19 million state funding cut is passed Alianza Dominican who provided 1,400 jobs last year will have only 490 this summer; Children's Arts & Sciences Workshop had 1,200 summer jobs in 2009 and will have just 420 in 2010; and, ACDP like ICS would drop from 300 to only 105 jobs this year. For Alianza Dominicana, the cuts will also devastate their Bronx SYEP where 700 young people worked last year.

DYCD was recently in Albany to lobby the Senate and Assembly Members to restore funding. If that does not occur, DYCD will cut the SYEP jobs by 65% because their only source of funding will come from New York City tax levy. DYCD mentioned that American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds also provided 21 to 24-year olds with summer jobs.

Maria Luna noted the former Area Policy Board played an important role at one time in the disbursement of SYEP funds. The 10-member board selected and made its decisions based on poverty in the community. Inevitably, the board became a duplication of effort. Community Board 12 prioritized and ranked the Request-for-Proposal's and provided the City with its recommendation. That policy has since been disbanded.

A resolution was introduced by Martin Collins to advocate for the restoration of State funds for the SYEP. The resolution passed unanimously.



Mr. Espinal distributed the FY 2011 capital and expense budget priorities for the committee. Community Board 12 will hold a March 8<sup>th</sup> public hearing to obtain input from neighborhood residents and board members on the agency responses, and submit out follow-up recommendations on this important matter.

The committee's priorities and recommendations based on the agency responses were:

### **Capital Priorities**

**#1** Develop daycare centers: CB12 should continue to advocate for this given the severe shortage of neighborhood daycare seats and follow the agency's recommendation to resubmit for FY 2012.

**#2** Construct a new High School: The agency did not recommend this for funding. The District Manager should call the DOE and obtain a complete answer, including enrollment numbers, to substantiate the agency's response and report back to the committee on his findings.

**#9** Construct a new Early Childhood Center on Broadway between 204 - Academy Street. The request was again not recommended for funding; furthermore, this is a privately-owned property, the owner, Rita Sklar has repeatedly refused to sell. This request was dropped.

**#10** Fund full renovation of local libraries. This should be a higher priority, especially given the agency's supportive response.

**#12** Build a new Youth Development Center north of West 192nd Street. Remove DYCD as the responsible agency and ask the Department of Design & Construction (DDC) who can build the center when funds are allocated. DYCD neither receives nor distributes capital funds.

**#13** Renovate PS 189 auditorium. The District Manager will be asked to find out what the DOE will do to renovate the auditorium since the request was not recommending for funding.

### **Expense Priorities**

**#2** Increase funding for day care providers. Follow the agency's recommendation and resubmit for FY 2012. No additional funds are available this year.

**#3** Fund new beacon program at I.S. 52. Strongly advocate for this item. A resolution may be required to recommend our Federal and State officials fund this request per the agency's response.

**#8** Fund local youth organizations for more SYEP jobs. Same recommendation as #3.

**#11** Reinstate funding for after-school programs in District 6. Ask the District Manager to call the District 6 School's superintendent and find out what funding decisions were made at the local level for this request per the agency's response. This should remain a high priority for CB12.

**#12** Fund additional day care & implement nursery & pre-school programs for special needs. Unacceptable response from the ACS! CB12 should continue to push this and ask the District Manager to call ACS and find out why they provided this response given CB12 has the City's largest youth population.

**#13** Increase funding for special needs children. Follow the response and have the DM call the DOE and

find out how funding for such programs are provided in our community.

**#14** Provide funding for Youth Anti-Violence Programs. Unacceptable! The agency dropped the ball; no further study is needed. The DM must call the ACS and push for funding and the committee and full board should pass a resolution urging the agency to provide funds after CB12 has obtained vital statistics from the DOE and NYPD on such violence.

**#18** Provide funding for additional library staff in CB12. The response is encouraging; however, CB12 should remind the local public officials to fund this item.

**#24** Increase CLOTH funds by \$24,000. Follow the agency's recommendation and have the DM call the DOE and report back what the agency has done in Washington Heights-Inwood to fund this request.

**#27** Increase mental health program funding in D6 schools. Unacceptable! Tell the DM to call the DOE and find out what additional information the agency requires to close the loop.

**#30** Continued funding for leased space. Ask the DM to call the DOE and obtain the additional information the agency requires to make a funding decision.

Mr. Espinal announced the three local libraries will be invited to the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and that both Youth & Education resolution were passed by the full board at its last general meeting.

**New Business:** Felix Castillo, Alianza Dominica, discussed the Innovation Diploma Plus program, which operates at Brandeis High School to help overage and under-credited students obtain a high school degree. The program serves primarily 16-20 year-olds who must have completed one year of high school at another school. They have 150 students and anticipate that 100 more will enroll for September 2010. All students are interviewed for this expedited program. The school day is 9:00am-3:15pm. They work in trimesters. The student-teacher ratio is 15:1. The program and curriculum are tailored to the degree possible to fit the students' needs. If a student is out sick, the teacher will email all course requirements to them so they keep-up. There's plenty of extra help and technology is highly stressed, online courses are offered too.

Lydia Radin discussed the difficulty of obtaining her letters of reference from and condemned Yeshiva University. Ms. Radin said she met today with Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez's office. This matter was referred to the CB12 District Manager for handling.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm. The minutes were written and respectfully submitted by Martin Collins.

## Land Use Committee Meeting – Minutes

March 3, 2010

### Committee Members Present

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

### Committee Members Absent

Dora Maria Abreu

### Board Members

Joe Wojak  
George Preston Nelson  
Liz Ritter  
Steve Simon

### Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

Staffer: Deborah Blow

**Guests:** Ed Poteat, Developer-37 Hillside Avenue, Jessica Rivera-Municipal Art Society, Arielis Santan, Rev. Ellis-Rocky Mount Baptist Church, Matt Sloan-MBPO-Intern, Manhattan Times, Francisco Guzman-resident, Edwin Marshall-Dept. of City Planning, Annice Alt, Mark G. Barksdale, Paimann Lodhi-MBPO, Libby Howland, Gail Addiss, Justin Segal, David Thom, Martine Duphrezin, Robert St. Gaskin-RRGA Architects, Richard Realmuto-Attorney, Angel Figueroa-Inwood Patrol, Yokarina Duarte- Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez Office, Yuri Rivera-Senator Eric Schneiderman's Office

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.
2. Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin called the meeting to order, provided an overview of the agenda, asked the members of the Land Use committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") to introduce themselves and acknowledged other board members and representatives of elected officials or city agencies present.
3. The Chair noted that a new development proposal for 37 Hillside Avenue will be presented to the Committee and that the building currently proposed is nine stories shorter and less dense than the one proposed in 2009. An application was submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") seeking zoning variances to facilitate the 2009 development. The community board did not support the BSA application and it was ultimately withdrawn. Rocky Mount Baptist Church ("Rocky Mount") has partnered with a new developer, HP Development, on this revised development proposal. The Chair also noted that Senator Schneiderman's office was contacted by the development team and asked to provide a letter of support for a funding application for the project. The Senator's office reached out to the community board, and requested that it review and comment on the new development proposal.
4. Ed Poteat of HP and Reverend Ellis of Rocky Mount made a presentation to the Committee on the new development proposal for 37 Hillside Avenue. HP is the development arm of Horsford & Poteat Realty, a Harlem-based developer of affordable housing. Mr. Poteat indicated that he was the former chair of Manhattan Community Board 10's Housing Committee and has worked on affordable housing projects for 15 years. Reverend Ellis summarized the mission of and programs offered by Rocky Mount and stated that additional space is needed for the church's outreach programs.

The Committee was advised that the new proposal for the redevelopment of 37 Hillside Avenue would be as-of-right pursuant to current zoning. It will consist of an approximately 92,000 square foot 10-story mixed-use building that includes 78 units of affordable rental housing in addition to community facility (a senior center) and religious (new sanctuary for Rocky Mount) components.

The residential units will be affordable to individuals and families at or below 60% of area median income (“AMI”). The monthly rents for the project’s 19 studio, 27 one-bedroom and 29 two-bedroom units are estimated at \$731, \$781 and \$942 respectively.

50% of the units will be set-aside for current residents of Washington Heights and Inwood. 12 units will be set aside for individuals with developmental disabilities; the development team will work with Urban Pathways to identify residents for these units.

The project will be a green building but will not be LEED certified. It will have a green roof and will incorporate various energy efficiency measures.

The residential building will have a community room and a laundry room.

Mr. Poteat stated that zoning regulations do not require parking since the project is an affordable housing development and given the number of units to be constructed. [Note: Subsequent to the meeting the Chair discussed the parking requirements in further detail with Edwin Marshall. Mr. Marshall advised that section 25-25 of the zoning resolution allows for the number of parking spaces required by zoning to be reduced if the project is publicly funded, but it is unlikely that the parking requirement can be completely eliminated. Mr. Poteat was asked to research this matter further]. The Committee suggested that, even if zoning does not require any parking spaces, the development team consider including some off-street parking, perhaps a surface lot, to accommodate parking demand generated by the church on Sundays.

The project architect is RCGA Architects. The firm was represented at the meeting by two principals – Robert St. Gaskin, AIA and Martine Duphrezin, LEED, AP. RCGA is a 23-person firm based in Jamaica, Queens that specializes in residential and transportation projects.

Mr. Poteat advised the Committee that project financing will be sought from either the New York State (“NYS”) Division of Housing and Community Renewal (“DHCR”) or the NYS Housing Finance Agency (“HFA”) - mostly likely DHCR. These two state agencies provide low-income tax credits and other funding programs to finance the development of affordable housing. The development team is requesting letters of support from the community board and local elected officials for its pending application to DHCR.

Board member Steve Simon noted that the DHCR funding programs require the residential units to be affordable for a period of 30 years and asked Mr. Poteat if the development team would agree to maintain that project as affordable housing after the expiration of the program-required affordability period. He agreed to an extended affordability period.

The development team was advised that it should also present the project to the Housing and Human Services committee. Mr. Poteat inquired as to the next Housing committee meeting, was advised that it was on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and indicated that he was unable to attend. The Chair suggested that Mr. Poteat forward the presentation materials shared with Land Use to the chair of Housing committee and also contact her to coordinate a meeting. The development team had a number of extra packages of the presentation materials which were given to Debra Blow who was asked to provide them to the Housing and Human Services committee.

The committee raised questions related to topics such as environmental issues, constructability, blasting of rock and traffic impacts during construction. Mr. Poteat noted that there will be no construction on Saturdays, the building will likely be “slab on grade”, i.e.: no basement level, to reduce the need for rock removal and that they intend to expedite completion of the heavy construction trades to mitigate nuisance impacts on neighbors.

After further discussion a motion was made (Richard Allman) and seconded (Vivian Ducat) in support of the as-of-right development proposed for 37 Hillside Avenue and the application to be submitted to DHCR subject to consultation with the Housing and Human Services Committee and conditioned on the development team maintaining the project as affordable housing after the expiration of the 30-year DHCR-required affordability period.

The resolution was passed based on the following votes.

	For	Against	Abstaining
Committee Members	6	0	0
Other Bd. Members	3	0	1
Members of the Public	6	1	1

5. Paimann Lohdi of the Manhattan Borough President's office led the Committee and others present through the hour-long "Land Use 101" PowerPoint presentation. Edwin Marshall of the Department of City Planning assisted, providing in depth insights on various aspects of the presentation. The Land Use 101 presentation will be uploaded to CB12-M's web site for reference and will also be emailed to all board members for reference.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Benjamin

## HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – March 4, 2010

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Simon, Isaiah Bing, Ernest Kach, Edgard Nau, Andria Reyes.

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

**STAFF:** Paola Garcia, Community Service Aide

**GUESTS:** Frances Pascale, Division Chief, FDNY EMS; James Giglio, M.D., Dan Ribaudo and Julio Batista, NY-Presbyterian Hospital; Stephan A. Mayer, M.D., Noeleen Ostapkovich and Chirag Surti, Columbia University Medical Center; Marcia Pierre, Harlem Hospital.

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Steve Simon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

### 1. Reducing Turnaround Times for EMS Crews at New York-Presbyterian Hospital's Emergency Rooms

- S. Simon: we looked into this issue a couple of years ago and had been told that EMS and NYPH would meet and deal with this problem. However, the turnaround times have not improved and are virtually the same as they were back then – about 34 minutes. In order for EMS to respond rapidly to 911 calls from our community, the crews must return to the streets as quickly as possible after bringing patients to NYPH.
- Chief Frances Pascale, FDNY Emergency Medical Services, Division 1 (Manhattan): each hospital is different. Particular issue at W. 168<sup>th</sup> St. is that ER is very busy and parking for ambulances is very limited. Private ambulances, also ones from volunteer groups, go there. If no bays are available, EMS takes patients out in the middle of the street. Two possible solutions: 1) open up more parking spaces so ambulances can park at the curb and 2) dedicated ambulance spaces near ER are often taken by other vehicles and should be enforced. Once you get inside ER, look at triage system -- do they have enough stretchers or chairs? EMS call report must be filled out -- medical report, vital signs, condition, etc. The triage nurse takes vital signs and patient's history, enters info into computer.
- Dan Ribaudo, Director, Emergency Medical Services, NYPH: NYPH has 15 dedicated 911 units (ambulances) throughout the city – 5 units in WH-1, 3 staffed with paramedics and 2 with EMTs. NYPH also has 3 critical care paramedic units (higher level of training than EMS) dispatched from Cornell. NYPH is moving to a paperless system, will speed up processing time for registering patients. Triage nurse signs the call report before EMS crew can leave patient on hospital stretcher.
- James Giglio, M.D., Chief of Emergency Medicine, NYPH: Because of the volume, once nurse has history and vital signs, crew is asked to move patient to one of the ER areas, where transfer takes place. ER often has 5-8 ambulances at a time. It is difficult to pull into the bay. Huge amount of pedestrian traffic. We're talking to NYPD.
- Julio Batista, Director of Community Affairs, NYPH: Some parked cars have phony decals. Hospital has proposed installing muni-meters so people would move cars more quickly.
- I. Bing: Do nurses speak Spanish? Could language problems account for some of the delay?
- Giglio: 2/3 of staff is functionally bilingual, 1/3 – ½ staff is fluent. Yes, there is a built-in delay because of translation.....We have to convince triage nurses not to collect all the data about medications, etc. and do briefer assessments. Our turnaround time (34 minutes) is 8% above the division average, around 31 minutes.....Half of patients with heart attacks or strokes don't take ambulances, they walk into ER.
- Pascale: If EMS wasn't abused so much [by people making non-emergency calls], it would help. The NYPH and EMS representatives agreed to meet during the next month to develop a plan to reduce the turnaround times and report back to the committee at its April 1 meeting.

### 2. Clinical Trial on Pre-Hospital Treatment of Seizures – Stephan Mayer, M.D., Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Columbia University Medical Center, reported on the RAMPART study due to begin tomorrow:

- Will treat 15 patients with stroke trauma and seizures in NYPH ambulances over the next 9-10 months, only the second trial ever to be conducted in ambulances in NYC
- Series of recurrent seizures – you become unconscious and turn blue – leads to cardiac arrest
- RAMPART clinical trial, part of broader program funded by NIH, will compare 2 different types of treatment for the first time in an ambulance – commonly prescribed anti-seizure drugs, lorazepam and midazolam. The former, now recognized as the best treatment, is injected in vein, needs refrigeration, not currently used by EMS. The latter, injected into thigh muscle, may be a better, faster agent. Expect that trial will establish midazolam as preferred treatment.
- Neurological Emergency Treatment Network, 17 major medical centers, are participating

- Trial has been approved by FDA, the IRBs at both Columbia & Cornell
  - 125 NYPH paramedics have been trained
  - Each patient gets 1 drug and 1 placebo in "randomized control trial"
  - Patients are unable to provide written informed consent since they are experiencing seizures
  - Once patient comes out of seizure, they will inform them of trial and ask for informed consent – or consult with family member
  - 20-25% of patients are still in seizure when they reach ER; hope to get the same results with new drug, which would have "similar efficacy but more simplicity"
  - Will provide bracelets beforehand to patients who do not wish to participate in trial
  - 840 patients to be involved nationally, 400 already
  - They have tried to inform the affected community by exhibiting at health fairs as well as making presentations to CB 8 and now CB 12
  - Dr. Mayer promised to return to the committee to report on the final results of the study.
3. **Update on New York-Presbyterian Hospital** – Julio Batista, Director, Community Affairs, distributed copies of the hospital's Community Service Plan, which was recently submitted to the NYS Dept. of Health. The hospital changed its health fair model five years ago, based on a request it received from an ex-CB 12 member to conduct one specifically for taxi drivers, who are generally uninsured. This year NYPH will sponsor its 6<sup>th</sup> health fair for taxi drivers. A separate fair has been held for bodega workers, early morning at the Hunt's Point wholesale food market. On May 10 a new fair will be held for cosmetologists (hairdressers and stylists) at the Milstein Heart Center, including health screenings and classes. They will be given info on domestic violence they can bring back to their customers. The committee praised NYPH for its proactive efforts to reach out to underserved segments of the community with these innovative health fairs.
- S. Simon: One of our board members wants to know when the sidewalk directly south of the subway entrance on Broadway at 168<sup>th</sup> Street will be repaired.
  - J. Batista: The work won't be done until late summer. Plans were submitted and have gone out for bid.
4. **How Institutional Review Boards Work** – A. Reyes gave a presentation as part of the committee's continuing oversight on the role of the IRBs in approving clinical trials at Columbia University Medical Center:
- For over a decade, as a research scientist at CUMC, she submitted protocols for studies by the Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health, School of Public Health, to the IRB.
  - As an IRB policy specialist at the Weill-Cornell Medical School, she reviewed protocols before board reviewed them. They could be as long as 2,000 pages.
  - The IRBs were created because of "past research atrocities," e.g., the Tuskegee, thalidomide studies, etc.
  - The IRB first determines if the proposed study is legitimate research.
  - Each IRB must have a minimum of 5 members, including a non-affiliated member, who must be present for the IRB to meet – he/she gets paid \$200 per meeting / 2 meetings per month. Meetings can run 4 hours.
  - IRB members are all appointed for 3-year terms.
  - Consent forms to be signed by trial participants are reviewed at 2 stages – first by the administrative reviewer and then by a board member.
  - Only 1 board member generally reviews a protocol. Full boards don't vote on every protocol.
  - Some proposals get an expedited review – studies in which no consent forms are required because they just involve reviewing "de-identified" data and have no human subjects.
  - Applicants usually don't appear, unless a study is difficult to understand.
  - We should motivate IRB to get the doctors/researchers in charge of studies to come before CB 12.
  - Minutes of IRB meetings are public information.
- The committee discussed the fact that Columbia University Medical Center's four IRBs do not appear to have any community residents as members and agreed that a resolution should be drafted regarding this issue.
5. **City Agencies' Responses to FY 11 Budget Priorities** – The committee reviewed the responses in the Preliminary Budget Register to the five expense and four capital budget items proposed by the committee that were adopted by the full board.
6. Mail was reviewed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted, Steve Simon

**Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2010**

**Committee Member**

Emilia Cardona, Chair  
George Fernandez  
Julissa Gomez  
Andria Reyes

**Committee Absentees**

George Cruz  
Rev. Antonio Almonte (excused)

**Board Members Attending**

**Staff:** Deborah Blow

**Guests:** Chief Phillip Banks Commanding Officer PBMN, PO Robinson Hewitt, Capt. Ventrella, NYPD 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct., DI Neil O'Keefe-NYPD-PBMN, PO Frank Rijo-NYPD PBMN, DI. Joseph Dowling, 33 pct., DI. Andrew Capul, 34 pct, PO Christian Perez, 34 pct, Joseline Minaya-District Attorney Office, Capt. Navarro, Lidya Radin- Resident

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Ms. Cardona, Chair convened meeting 7:10 with an introduction to attendees.

Ms. Cardona, informed the group about the June '09 meeting with former Chief Raymond Diaz of Patrol Borough Manhattan North. In that meeting we discussed the quality of life issues that affect CB12M, such as; drag racing, open barbecuing on the street, excessive hanging out, etc. It was at that meeting that the Borough President's Office made recommendations to have a neighborhood task force where residents who have an active interest in the community could sign up. A product of the June '09 meeting was the resolution that the supplemental officers be assigned permanently.

- **Dep. Insp. Capul** provided the group with a brief report on what the community is like when the weather gets warmer starting in April. He also reported that condition teams are posted at the various locations that are problematic.
- The Inspector said that on Sundays manpower is at its lowest peak because of scheduling issues; he commented that specialized units are still required.
- Insp. Capul reported that by June the problematic locations had become chronic with noise complaints. These locations required more attention, i.e. behind George Washington HS, the Marina through Seaman Avenue and the Hess gas station.
- By late June, certain streets were shut down to restrict the drag racing and motorcycling, although we didn't see as much as before. Insp. Capul indicated that enforcement found in most instances that bikers did not have proper licensing/insurance papers.
- Insp. Capul reported that hiring prospect seem very dim.
- Ms. Cardona said we are aware of the budgetary restrictions, however we should not stop reaching out to our Public Officials for their input.
- **Dep. Insp Dowling** reported on how the economy affects the lower Heights. He has partnered with Parks to redirect some of the homeless traffic in the Parks. He stated that it is not a crime to be homeless.
- Some of the other problematic locations are: W. 156 & 157 Amsterdam;; patrols are being provided for those locations.
- Dep. Insp Dowling indicated that he has very little manpower in terms of Patrol Supervisors, he would like to have more regular uniformed officers to stop and regulate. The Trespass Affidavit Program still the responsibility of the DA's Office. They will continue to work closely with NYPD in monitoring distressed buildings due to ongoing drug traffic.
- **Chief Phillip Banks**, reported the Mayor suggest there are too many street fairs.
- It was suggested that a task force committee compose a resolution to restrict fairs at W. 181<sup>st</sup>.



Dep. Insp. Capul recommended identifying W. 181<sup>st</sup> as a Public Safety issue. That would provide more leverage in resolving the street closure at that location.

- Chief Banks commented that we have a well trained striking police force but building with less can be difficult. According to the Mayor watching how we spend is key.
- Dep. Insp. Capul suggested as a community we can go forward just as long as we target the needs.
- Chief Banks looks forward to a progressive partnership with the community and addressing their concerns. He said that Washington Heights/Inwood has many noise complaints. He encourages constructive advice from the community in looking for better methods to handle their concerns.
- Chief Banks continued to say he puts all issues on his calendar to make sure they are addressed. He would like a progressive partnership with the community
- Chief Banks said that the community can write to the judge that is hearing an abatement case expressing its displeasure with the establishment. He suggested that we meet with club owners to discuss the problems and possible solutions. This could cut down on the need of abatement cases.
- He went on to state that the Commanding officers at the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Pct. are accessible.

With regard to the sexual assault in the park, a member wanted to know if there were emergency phones in the park.

DI Capul responded that there are no emergency phones in the park. They have to be requested from the Dept of Parks.

Ms. Minaya from Manhattan DA announced the Town Hall meeting at Isabella on March 25, 2010.

Budget Priorities were distributed in preparation for Budget meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted by George Fernandez and typed by Deborah Blow

**Traffic & Transportation Committee Minutes**  
**March 1, 2010**

**Committee Members Present**

George Nelson Preston  
Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky  
James Berlin  
Edith Prentiss  
Anita Barberis

**Committee Members Excused**

**C.B. 12 Members Present:**

**Committee Members Absent**

**Staffer:** Deborah Blow

**Guests:** Bill Young – Port Authority NYNJ; Donna Roberts Engineer – DEP; Effie Ardizzone – DEP; Johnathan Rabinowitz; Alex Karman; Josh Orzeck – DOT; Carl Pannuti – DEP; Francis Lo – DEP; Garvin Nurse – Post Authority NYNJ; Mitch Glenn.

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Meeting began at 7:05 sharp

→ Presentation by the DEP concerning the planned construction to repair water shafts #28 and #29 located at

- 1) Amsterdam between 157<sup>th</sup>/158<sup>th</sup> St.
- 2) Amsterdam between 165<sup>th</sup>/166<sup>th</sup> St.

- The work should take about 6 weeks in total. Work will be done from 7am-4pm and traffic will be diverted on the street, but still allow for two lanes of traffic to continue in each direction.
- DEP will notify our committee when they plan to begin the work
- Road plates will be used to cover the holes and cold-packed each evening and should not present an issue for pedestrians, as the holes are mid-block.

→ Presentation by Garvin Nurse from the Port Authority ([gnurse@panynj.gov](mailto:gnurse@panynj.gov) ; 973-792-4522), accompanied by Bill Young ([wyoung@panynj.gov](mailto:wyoung@panynj.gov) ; 212-435-4807 (w) , 646-784-6139 (c)) regarding replacement of the joints located on 179<sup>th</sup> Street on the avenues of Broadway, St. Nicolas, Wadsworth, and Audubon.

- Work will be done at night from 11pm-5am for 4 weeks total, intermittently. Work will be done only 2-3 nights per week to remove and replace the joints. The question of noise level at night was raised and with the possible suggestion of starting the work at 9pm. Mr. Young said he would get back to us on that.
- Work should begin by the middle of April.
- We had an additional conversation with Mr. Young as a he was open to other related concerns, regarding the walking paths on the GWB. He said that the priority for the Port Authority is to maintain the south side walkway availability for pedestrians and bicyclists. A suggestion was made by Mr. Young about the future possibility of "fixing" the hairpin turn on the access path leading up the to the bridge. Money is tight now so no work will be done on the pedestrian walks in the near future.

- Mr. Young advised us all to sign up for "bike alerts" to find out when certain bike paths and access routes to the bridge are closed, so in case they have to close down the south side entrance the public can receive emails or text messages alerting them to enter through the north side of the bridge.

→ New business: Edith Prentiss discussed "Google transit" and the need for the website to present accessible trip information from the DOT since Google receives its information from the DOT and the information is available through them. She also mentioned the usefulness of dialing "511" for information about traffic patterns throughout the NY state.

→ Next meeting is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> at which Josh Orzeck will present to the committee on the areas of Dykman/Sherman Creek as well as the intersection of 162nd Street and St. Nicholas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Yosef Kalinsky

Committee for the Concerns for Aging  
March 9, 2010

**Committee Members:**

Gloria Vanteerpool, Chair, Edgard Nau,

**Committee Members Absent:** Elizabeth Pepin(ill), Rev. Antonio Almonte(excused), Glenda Swanson-Massa(excused).

**Guests:** Mary Jones Springer, Olga Lauriano-TA President, 99 Ft. Washington, Norma DeCandido, Ethel Linder Stoll, Marilyn Pacheco-Isabella, Olinia DeMoya-Visitn Nurse Service of NY

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Meeting convened at 10:15 am by Chairperson Gloria Vanterpool  
Warm welcome was extended to all and those present introduced themselves.

Old Business

Last month's presentations were reviewed.

New Business

Hi lights of other Community Bd. Committees

Health - Edgard Nau

He mentioned that Steve Simon and Edgard Nau were both serving on the Institutional Review Bd. (CUMC) and would keep us informed on all medical issues that come before the Board in the interest of our community. Further information regarding the nature of a Drug Study has not been completed. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Safe Streets for Seniors

25 Senior Pedestrian Focus Areas within the 5 boros were identified for this project to reduce Traffic Fatalities among seniors in these neighborhoods. Washington Heights was selected as one of these areas. It begins @ 175th St. and Amsterdam Ave. to Hillside and Dyckman St. extending west to Broadway. In some streets to Pinehurst.

Some Concerns Voiced by Seniors:

Not enough time to cross the street

Broken or missing pedestrian ramps

Faded and hard to see markings

Turning vehicles failing to yield

Poor draining or ponds in crosswalks

The improvement measures will attempt to address these complaints and many more.

At the April Traffic Committee meeting, a representative from Dept. of Transportation will be present to discuss the details.

Time Bank

Guest Speaker Olinia De Moya

Ms. De Moya gave a an overview of the program and its success in providing a way for people to share their skill, spread their passions, meet their neighbors, and support each other. It is a free resource for connecting individuals who recognize that each person has talents to share and receive a service in return. Packages of material was distributed explaining the program in detail. Several persons in the audience knew of the program and spoke of how well it was received. The committee will be in touch with Ms. De Moya. .

Meeting adjourned at 11:20am, the next meeting will be on April 13. Topics to be announced.