Community Board 12, Manhattan General Meeting - May 25, 2010- Russ Berrie Pavillion Irving Cancer Research Center 1150 St. Nicholas Avenue

PRESENT (37) EXCUSED (7) Jackie Rowe Adams Mireya Cruz-Diaz Elizabeth Lorris Ritter Tamara Rivera Wayne Benjamin Glenda Swanson Massa Richard Allman Manny De Los Santos Maria Luna Angela Sanchez Emilia Cardona Jasmine Mov Juan Carlos Alonzo George Espinal Helen Morik Steve Simon George Cruz Edgard Nau Frank Alverez George Fernandez Ângelo Ortiz Alyce Smith Elizabeth Pepin Anita Barberis Fé Florimon Cheryl Pahaham Julio Tejada James Berlin Nicole Foster Pam Palangue North Gloria Vanterpool ABSENT (6) Isaiah Bing Julissa Gomez Raybbin Vargas Edith Prentiss Leonardo Blackman Carole Mulligan Cynthia Carrión Melanie Hidalgo George Nelson Preston Tony Lopez Audrey Perez Rolando Cespedes David Ernst Kach Zead Ramadan Rafael Lugo Joe Wojak Martin Collins

Call To Order / Llamado Al Orden

Motion to call the meeting by George Espinal and seconded by Raybbin Vargas, at 7:18pm.

Adoption of the Agenda / Adopción de la Agenda

Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter motions to adopt the agenda.

III. Adoption of the Minutes / Adopción de los Minutos - Approval of Minutes - April, 2010

Cynthia Carrion apologizes for not completing April Minutes and will have both April and May at the June 2010 General Meeting

Andria Reyes

IV. Chair's Report / Informe del Presidente: Pamela Palanque - North, Chair (7:20PM)

Discussed highlighted events and issues: Class action lawsuit on Pinnacle community meeting on May 23rd, RICO - racketing and corruption allegations, Thanked Mayor Bloomberg for restoring the funding for community boards, especially, CM Brewer and Rodriguez. Participated in the WaHi BID walkthrough, Borough Board meetings. Efforts on getting cars off the street, Repeal of DOE regulation A-812 Limiting Bake Sales Support of A.10008/S, Coordinate the CB 12M Schools Conditions Forum - SCA, BP all schools informational meeting

Commander Officer Jose Navarro of the 34th Precinct: 7:39PM

Discussed career in the NYPD, was the Executive Officer of 34th Precinct prior to new position as a result of Captain Capul's promotion. Reviews recent events and what the precinct is doing, as stats are compared weekly, monthly and yearly and with same time last year. Wednesday, May 5th 49 W 206th 10th Ave. homicide of 26-year old. Investigation still pending (one in custody) confident that they will make arrest 13 incidents of robberies, most occur during the hours of 3pm - 11:30pm. Audubon Ave. drives crime numbers, others are Domestic incidents. 87 Post - Home Invasion, 72 years old (took everything she had). 74 Post Ave - DNA hits can take months to confirm and compare with neighboring precincts. Crime is relatively down. 10 incidents of Assaults, which are linked to conditions of the clubs. Other areas of focus include quality of life due to nightlife. June 9th having a community meeting with business owners in the area to discuss the policy of operating in the area. Past Saturday, Operation Silent Nights - Friday & Saturday Night (issued over 30 summons - reckless driving, disorderly conduct, 5 vehicles confiscated). Has shut down clubs during his time at the precinct already and not afraid to do it again.

V. District Manager's Report / Informe del Director del Distrito: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager (7:53PM)

Refers to the report. Very pleased to inform that the Mayor's Executive Budget included the total restoration of community board budgets to \$198,895. Thanked everyone for their support and pending rally at City Hall has been cancelled. Still in need of \$8,000 increase for managerial raises, and is appealing to the CM Jackson and Rodriguez for assistance. Urges everyone to sign the library petitions to bring to Mayor's Office to ensure continued and quality service. Participated in the 181st St Walk through of the Washington Heights BID. Had detailed list of areas of concern and has begun to follow-up on them. Manhattan Borough President's Office and CB 12M will create a Quality of Life Task Force to address increase in complaints during the summer months. Juan Carlos Alonzo asked if during the walk through how do we not target vendors that have set up selling on the sidewalk? Matter was discussed with commissioner we will continue to work on this issue with the Executive Committee

VI. Special Presentations:

Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone - East River Plaza: Lisa Van Brackle, Human Capital Development Director (8PM)

Delighted at the opportunity to present employment opportunities for CB12M residents. Six months ago was named Human Capital Development Director, and is looking to hear and understand the employment needs in the community. Wants to share employment opportunities in East River Plaza. Major retailers will begin community-hiring process such as Costco and Old Navy, in the coming weeks, and will be sharing the information with all District Managers during the summer. Encourages everyone to call the East River Plaza Hotline for up to date information about employment opportunities 212.360-1100.

Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance - Sandra Bentancourt, Executive Director on the Arts Stroll

Announces launch of Arts Stroll kick off for June 3rd 2010 at the Hispanic Society on 155th and Broadway (performances & food will be provided) all are invited. During the Opening Reception NoMAA and the Uptown Arts Stroll 2010 will pay tribute to artists/leaders Patricia Eakins, Ted Minos, and Ana-Ofelia Rodríguez, for their contributions to the arts community in Washington Heights and Inwood. Over 100 events listed in Arts Stroll directory, which Manhattan Times will be distributing. Steve Simon requested information about the Arts Stroll event at Highbridge co-sponsored with the Parks Dept.? Signing in Puerto Rican: A Hearing Son and His Deaf Family, Tue, June 8, 6:30pm - 8:00pm at Highbridge Recreation Center - 2301 Amsterdam Ave. book signing with Dr. Andres Torres grew up in Washington Heights in a large extended family that included several deaf aunts and uncles. Edith Prentiss wanted to know why the events are not wheelchair accessible, and not mentioned in promotional materials? NoMAA will look into changing the venue for next year.

<u>James Lu – 181 Cabrini</u> (9:05 PM) Owner for the sidewalk café 181 Cabirini would like to have an Espresso bar during the day. Has over 400 signatures from community supporters. "I don't have an illegal café," has never had noise violations. Everyone walks to my establishment. How many of the signatures of those that signed are from the neighborhood? Can you make copy of petition for the board? Yes DOB is legal; people are talking outside not from café. Live music without license? Lease does not have clause against live music.

<u>Lorenz Roorner, Resident – 181 Cabrini</u> (9:09 PM) Speaking on behalf of the establishment – it is the only establishment I can go in the area to eat. Really enjoys the café.

X. Committee Reports / Reporte de los Comités:

Economic Development: Nicole Foster, Chair

- Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Restaurant 101 Inc. dba Dyckman Express 101 B Dyckman Street. PASSES: Final Vote 33-3-0-14
- Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: El Nuevo Conquistador 2244 Amsterdam Avenue PASSES: Final Vote 34-2-0-14
- 3. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: 112 Dyckman Restaurant Inc. dba Restaurant 809 Grille 112 Dyckman Street, PASSES: Final Vote 33-3-0-14
- Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Piper's Kilt of Inwood Inc. 4946 Broadway PASSES: Final Vote 34-2-0-14
- 5. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: The Element Restaurant Group Inc.854 W. 181st St. DOES NOT PASS Final Vote 14-22-1-14
- 6. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: La Casa Del Mofongo Inc. 1451 St. Nicholas Avenue, PASSES: Final Vote 35-1-0-14
- Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: 181 Restaurant Corp. dba Hudson View Restaurant 770 W. 181st Street PASSES: Final Vote 34-1-1-14
- 8. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: New St. Nicholas Fish Market Inc. 1601 St. Nicholas Ave. PASSES: Final Vote 35-1-0-14
- 9. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Hudson Fulton Corp. dba Indian Road Cafe 600 W. 218th St. PASSES: Final Vote 34-2-0-14
- Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: La Oaxaquena Restaurant Corp. 1969 Amsterdam Ave. PASSES: Final Vote 34-2-0-14
- 11. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: La Rueda Restaurant Inc. dba Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant 3862-3864 Broadway, PASSES: Final Vote 35-1-0-14
- Resolution to recommend the TLC grant a Renewal of its Livery Car Base License to: Do Max Corp. dba Highbridge Car Service 2402
 Amsterdam Avenue, PASSES: Final Vote 36-0-0-14
- 13. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to: Broway LLC dba Plum Pomidor 4009 Broadway, PASSES: Final Vote 31-5-0-14
- 14. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to: Apt. 78 Inc. 4455 Broadway PASSES: Final Vote 31-5-0-14
- 15. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to: Aquino's Seafood Restaurant Inc. 1306 St. Nicholas Avenue, PASSES: Final Vote 36-0-0-14
- 16. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to: AJE Management Corp. dba El Viejo Jobo 231 Sherman Avenue, PASSES: Final Vote 30-6-0-14
- 17. Resolution to recommend the DCA grant a Re-Application of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: The Element Restaurant Group, Inc. 854 W. 181st Street. PASSES: Final Vote 24-11-1-14
- Resolution to not recommend the DCA grant a Re-Application of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: Vida Mexicana Inc. 223 Dyckman Street. PASSES: Final Vote 24-11-1-14
- Resolution to recommend the DCA grant a Re-Application of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: Carnival Latin Bistro 4325 Broadway PASSES: Final Vote 21-15-0-14

Helen Morik: Why is the committee voting to abstain, people should vote yes or no on these issues. Edith Prentiss: We can vote as we would like. What did the 34th say? The inspector has taken the position to make no more sidewalk café in the area on 181st St. Steve Simon: there are two resolutions for the same establishment liquor and sidewalk café? Elizabeth Lorris Ritter: Perhaps we should grant the liquor license and not sidewalk café. Committee failed to make the case for a no vote. We should be able to work with the establishment. Significance of voting since he will have the liquor license due to lapse in time? Why is Vida Mexicana being affiliated with Mamajuana? No, there was a miscommunication. Best way to promote a dialogue is to not grant licenses. Pam Palanque North: board is being insulated we should not support additional applications until we work something out. Elizabeth Lorris Ritter: Why are we recommending 184th and not recommending 181st? Helen Morik: I respect the NYPD but it is unfair to say that we are not granting any sidewalk café? Pam Palanque North calls the questions 9:42PM

Land Use Committee Meeting - Minutes

May 5, 2010

Committee Members Present

Committee Members Absent Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair Board Members
Martin Collins
Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter

Wayne Benjamin, Chair Richard Allman Isaiah Bing James Berlin

Public Members Present

Vivian Ducat Tamara Rivera

Guests: Edwin Marshall-DCP, Libby Howland, Gail Addiss, Pat Courtney, La-Verna Fountain-Columbia University, Victoria Benitez-Columbia University, Matthew Spady-800 RSD, Gary Tarnoff(consultants), Sandra Harris-Columbia University, Steve Holl(consultants), Olaf Schmidt(consultants), Kramer Levin(consultants), Joe Mannino, Dan Held, James Corner Field(landscape architect)

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM
- Community resident Matthew Spady made a presentation to the Land Use Committee ("Land 2. Use" or the "Committee") on a proposed expansion of the Audubon Park Historic District ("Audubon Park"). The proposed expansion would include the brownstones on West 158th Street between Riverside Drive and the Henry Hudson Parkway and the apartment building at the northwest corner of West 158th Street and Riverside Drive that was originally built as a singlefamily home. Matthew advised the Committee that the rationale for the proposed expansion includes expanding the footprint of the historic district to more closely reconcile with the historic boundaries of Audubon Park, preservation and acknowledgment of buildings that date back to circa 1873 and are architectural jewels, increasing the architectural diversity of the Audubon Park and Audubon Terrace historic districts and creating a buffer for Audubon Park. It was also noted that the proposed expansion of Audubon Park is a logical next step towards advancing a Boulevard Lafayette Historic District that would include Riverside Drive from West 158th Street to approximately 162nd Streets (Riverside Drive originally ended in the vicinity of Grant's Tomb; Riverside Drive from 158th Street and north was originally called Boulevard Lafayette). In his presentation, Matthew reviewed aspects of the history of land ownership and development in the area and also noted that a ferry service and sugar refinery that once existed at the foot of 158th Street may have been related to the under-ground railroad. Next steps in the development of this proposal include outreach to local residents and property owners and outreach to the Landmarks Conservancy for guidance with drafting a request for evaluation.
- 3. Sandra Harris of Columbia University ("CU") introduced representatives of CU present and advised that CU is coming to the Committee in follow up to their prior meetings with Community Board 12-Manhattan ("CB2-M"), local residents, NYC Parks and elected officials to discuss the proposed Bakerfield project and to provide an overview of the application that CU has submitted to the Department of City Planning ("DCP"). Ms. Harris then introduced La-Verna Fountain of CU Capital Projects who acknowledged receipt of the resolution passed by CB12-M in April 2010, noted that a fence at the Bakerfield Campus that was the source of complaints from

residents has been removed and that additional street trees have been planted. The Committee was also informed that CU is working with NYC Parks to resolve matters pertaining to the proposed waterfront park and CU's use of city-owned land, all parking generate during construction of the new athletic facility will be accommodated on campus, all football games are free to the public and that discussion is underway to determine how public access to the track can be accommodated. CU's Joe Mannino continued the presentation. Mr. Mannino advised that his office is responsible for construction at CU's Bakerfield and Morningside campuses and then introduced the landscape architect, James Corner Field, for the waterfront park project and the architect, Steven Holl Architects, for the Campbell Sports Center project, i.e.: the new Bakerfield athletic facility. The Committee was advised that CU is proposing to construct a waterfront at the westernmost edge of the Bakerfield campus in order to comply with waterfront zoning regulations that are triggered by the proposed construction of the Campbell Sports Center. The proposed waterfront park is approximately 22,000 square feet; roughly 5,000 square feet of which are on city-owned land, i.e.: part of Inwood Hill Park. [Subsequent to the meeting, in the process of reviewing CB12-M's copy of the application that CU submitted to DCP for the project, it was clarified that the proposed waterfront park only partially meets the waterfront zoning regulations, and that, given the size of the Bakerfield campus, a publicly-accessible waterfront area of over 180,000 square feet is required to fully comply with zoning regulations]. The Campbell Center will be multi-story building constructed at the corner of 218th Street and Broadway. The entrance will be on 218th Street. The façade materials will be primarily glass and metal panels. The Committee and guests present discussed / questioned various aspects of the waterfront park and the Campbell Center including but not limited to the following.

- What is the status of discussions between CU and NYC Parks concerning the cityowned land at the waterfront of the Bakerfield campus that CU has occupied for roughly 60 years?
- CB12-M's Parks and Recreation Committee recently hosted a visioning session at which access to the waterfront and the waterway was cited the number 1 priority.
- Waterfront access is a topic frequently raised by the public; this should be considered in the Bakerfield project.
- Inwood does not have the same access to the waterfront as other neighborhoods in Manhattan.
- How does one walk from the proposed waterfront part to the city-owned land that CU is occupying? Why isn't the city-owned property included in the Waterfront Park?
- Will the metal panels proposed for the Campbell Center reflect light in to the windows of near-by residential buildings?
- How has the design for the Campbell Center been modified or how will it be modified in response to public comments received by CU?
- Are the façade materials easy to clean? Can trash/debris be inserted in the screen-wall that encloses the ground floor mechanical/service area?
- What types of fuel will the building use?
- Will the new building contain the same blue that is used on the blue "C" presently on campus?
- Is CU working on a master plan for Bakerfield?

After additional discussion, questions and answers CU's presentation concluded. Chair Benjamin indicated that the Committee is interested in being briefed further on both the waterfront park and

the new athletic facility project with a focus on CU advising it has or will address and accommodate public comments received.

- 4. The Committee discussed the proposed rezoning of the C8 zones in Washington Heights and Inwood with Edwin Marshall of DCP. The presentation made by planning fellow Matthew Sloane at the April Land Use meeting was reviewed. Chair Wayne Benjamin reiterated that the proposed rezoning is not a development project and is not intended to cause existing buildings to be demolished or altered. The discussion encompassed matters pertaining to building height and bulk, façade design, the goals and objectives of the proposed rezoning and the zoning tools available to DCP to regulate building form. It was noted that the Committee should focus on outlining the goals and objectives as opposed to specific zoning designations in any resolution it drafts requesting the rezoning. Edwin advised the Committee that DCP is expected to experience staff reductions and as a result, although the proposed rezoning is not a large project, it may take some time to complete. The Committee expects to bring a resolution to the full board in June for its consideration.
- 5. The meeting adjourned at 9:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Benjamin

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – May 6, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon, Isaiah Bing, Ernest Kach, Helen Morik, Edgard Nau, Andria Reyes, Beatrice Hall (Public Member). **ABSENT**: None.

OTHER CB 12 MEMBERS PRESENT: Mireya Cruz-Diaz, Fe Florimon, Angelo Ortiz, Raybblin Vargas.

GUEST: Nancy Jeffery, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH).

Steve Simon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m., with all committee members present.

- 1. Presentation on the New York City Community Air Survey (NYCCAS) Nancy Jeffery, research scientist, DOHMH Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy, distributed a printed copy of a Powerpoint presentation on the NYCCAS: Winter 2008-09 Findings and made the following points:
 - NYC's current air quality impacts public health; linked to respiratory and circulatory problems. Levels of PM(Particulate Matter)_{2.5} and ozone exceed federal EPA standards. Nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide levels likely will not meet proposed standards. All are by-products of fuel combustion in vehicles and boilers in buildings.
 - Improving our air quality is a goal of PlaNYC, the City's blueprint for long-term planning and sustainability. To understand the scope of the challenge, PlaNYC called for a collaborative local air quality study NYCCAS.
 - Existing State DEC air quality monitors provide hourly and daily readings. [One in CB 12 area is located at IS 143.]
 They are located on rooftops, not designed to determine neighborhood quality.
 - NYCCAS is the first comprehensive survey of street-level air pollution across NYC. Examines air pollutants linked to health impacts: fine particles (PM2.5), elemental carbon (EC), nitrogen oxides, ozone (summer), sulfur dioxide (winter), particle elemental constituents. 150 sites for monitors were selected pollution sources, especially traffic (including total and truck) and building-related (boilers).
 - Two monitoring sites in Washington Heights: W. 185th St. & St. Nicholas Ave. (dense residential area) and W. 179th St. between Broadway and Fort Washington Ave. (bus layover area near approach to George Washington Bridge, alongside bus terminal and Trans Manhattan Expressway).
 - Two-week samples taken at all 150 sites in each season. Monitors capture two-week averages, not daily variations.
 - Results in winter 2008-09: PM2.5 and SO2 concentrations were higher in areas with more large oil-burning boilers, especially those using #4 or #6 oil. PM2.5, NO2 and EC concentrations were higher in locations with more traffic and truck traffic. High level of PM2.5 was found in all of WH and eastern Inwood [the peaks were the highest in the City]. High level of EC found in most of WH and central Inwood. High level of NO2 found in section along the Trans Manhattan Expressway. High level of SO2 found in all of WH & I, except Inwood Hill Park. In general, Inwood has less pollution because it has less building density.
 - Results of summer monitoring will be reported next month.
 - NYCCAS results will be used by various agencies to guide local air quality initiatives, to inform public health surveillance and impact assessment, and to develop exposure estimates for epidemiology.
 - City looking at ways to reduce use of #4 and #6 oil in apartment buildings.
 - <u>S. Simon</u>: The survey results show that Washington Heights is one of the most polluted areas in the City, most likely because of the huge amount of traffic coming through the community on the Trans Manhattan Expressway.
 - <u>I.Bing</u>: The boilers in our buildings are the major problem. They have faulty combustion controls, doesn't matter which oil they use. Each boiler has a printout showing the amount of pollution it emits.
 - N. Jeffery: Landlords have to be convinced to convert to natural gas
 - <u>H. Morik</u>: New York-Presbyterian Hospital has met the Mayor's standards. Newest building, the Milstein Family Heart Center, has received LEED certification for its energy efficiency.
 - <u>D. Kach</u>: Boiler replacement in my building was very effective, reduced fuel consumption
 - A. Ortiz: We should lean on landlords to upgrade boilers; they get tax breaks
 - <u>S. Simon</u>: Many WH-I landlords replaced boilers as part of building rehabs done in the 1970s-80s through loan programs offered by HPD and the Community Preservation Corp.

- 2. Update on New York-Presbyterian Hospital Helen Morik, Vice President, Government & Community Affairs, NYPH, reported that she sits on its Sustainability Council and that this initiative is very important to NYPH. Very concerned about the state budget; nothing is happening now. Gov. Paterson proposed very serious health care cuts that would have an annual impact of \$32 million on NYPH alone; hospital had anticipated loss of \$25M. No one at NYPH has been fired, but there is a hiring freeze.
 - R. Vargas: The Healthcare Education Project estimates the impact on NYPH to be \$44M.
- 3. Soda and Sugary Beverage Tax Campaign Raybblin Vargas, Community Organizer, Healthcare Education Project, pointed out that the Governor had proposed this tax last year and argued that it is needed even more this year because the state now faces a \$9.2 billion deficit, is basically bankrupt and has no new revenue. The healthcare cuts in the Governor's budget would be the 8th cuts to health care in the last three years. 24-hour home attendant services would be cut; services only available 9-5 so many seniors would be forced into nursing homes.

 The tax would affect drinks over 10 oz. and would equal 1-cent per ounce. Revenue would be earmarked for the healthcare budget and would bring in \$450M this year, saving 12,600 jobs. It would yield \$1B next year, with a federal match. Only drinks containing high-fructose corn syrup, not sugar, would be taxed (not Snapple, for example). They have no nutritional value and contribute to the obesity crisis. The beverage industry is financing a heavy anti-tax ad campaign. Some opposition is coming from CBOs complaining it's a tax on the poor. Our State Senators and Assembly Members have not endorsed the proposed tax. She asked that the committee pass a resolution in support. After some discussion, S. Simon read a draft resolution, which was approved unanimously by the following vote: H&E Committee Members 5-0-0, Public Member 1-0-0, CB 12 Members 4-0-0.
- 4. Old Business The committee once again discussed the lack of community representatives on Columbia Univ. Medical Center's Institutional Review Boards. S. Simon reported on a conversation he had that day with George Gasparis, the Executive Director. A. Reyes suggested that CB 12 should request that the IRBs have members with experience in community-involved research, not necessarily community residents, preferably health professionals who work and/or live in the community and are bilingual. People with this experience would know how to review consent forms and would know how to work with minority, local populations.
 S. Simon reported that EMS and NYPH have not yet met to develop a plan to reduce the excessive turnaround times for EMS crews at NYPH's emergency rooms, as they promised to do at the committee meeting in March. Limited progress has been made since then (a 30-second reduction). We may have to meet in July to deal with this issue.
- 5. New Business I. Bing reported that in the aftermath of a partial roof collapse at P.S. 115, he has been trying to obtain verification of the results of the air monitoring and asbestos inspections. The Dept. of Education reported that they showed the building was safe for the students to return after several days of their being sent to other schools. S.Simon: Board Chair Pam North is organizing a public hearing on this issue for later this month. I.Bing: Mayra Linares (Con Edison's community liaison) for the M29 transmission line and substation project wants to come back to committee to give us an update. He also reported that Columbia University submitted an EIS to the Land Use Committee for its Baker Field project and that he is reviewing it.
 A. Ortiz: he is working with community partners in the Unidos Coalition to address "youth problem behaviors from a public health standpoint," such as teen pregnancy, underage drinking, marijuana use, violence. He would like to make
- **6. Mail** was reviewed, distributed and discarded.

a presentation at a future meeting.

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, June 3 – Community forum on bedbugs, co-sponsored with Council Member Robert Jackson and the Housing & Human Services Committee.

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes May 5, 2010

<u>Committee Member</u> Emilia Cardona, Chair Andria Reyes Committee Absentees
George Cruz(excused)
Julissa Gomez
George Fernandez

Board Members Attending Frank Alvarez

<u>Guests</u>: Monica Tavares-Mayor's Office, CLOTH- Executive Director, Yvonne Stennett, 181st BID-Executive Director George Sanchez, Denise Vasquez-CLOTH, PO Perez-NYPD 34th St., Lt. Peterson-NYPD 34th Pct., Lt. Osvaldo Nunez-NYPD 33rd Pct., Clifton Hill-Project Renewal, Samuel Richardson-Ft. Wash. Men's Shelter

Ms. Cardona, Chair convened meeting 7:20.

Officer's Report: Lt. Petersen – supervises at least 30 officers, crime down 1% from last year. Last 28 days increase in robberies, grand larceny and arrests in those categories. Capt Navarro preparing for his first Compstats tomorrow.

Enforcement indicated that most robberies take place during the 4-12 shifts. Commonly, arrests occur with juveniles stealing cell phones and Ipods. Officers reported car break-ins, on 165th street & Riverside Drive, mostly due to visible and unattended property. They reported that car theft leads to ID theft.

I was reported that a police van parked at dyckman and Seaman Avenues keep people safe and party goers at bay.

Toni reported problems still exist at George Washington H.S. No enforcement posted, just people hanging out, has not been as bad as previous years.

Captain Navarro adjusting shifts so as to have more night coverage.

Toni: asked that youth officers work all night until at least 11pm, especially in the summer.

Frank Alvarez seeks more information.

Lt. Nunez-33rd Pct. up 87% robberies 15 robberies from 87% last April.

A few grand larceny incidents, more than last April, in addition to a few robberies more than last April. ATM schemer on 168th St. & Broadway was found. Stolen car statistics have doubled. It was reported that there were two shootings, one on W 170th St. and the other on W. 175th St., no other details at this time. NYPD reported six car break-ins on Saturday morning, arrest were made, perpetrators were released.

Toni: Two CBO's submitted permits to close certain streets during the summer. BID is going under restructuring and may not close the streets. Yvonne Stennet Executive Director of Community League of the Heights presented. She reported that she wanted to close and have sidewalk café every Sunday in June. The agenda would be:

- Arts & crafts, painting and performance
- Music in the Heights plus music class
- Healthy heights fitness class, exercise activity
- Dominican folk dancing

All people involved are local people, no vendors are selling. Starting time is from 12:30N to 5pm.

Toni: Asked about security for the aforementioned event. Yvonne reported speaking to Deputy Inspector Dowling.

Yvonne: reported waiting for bus detouring Agency is working with Audubon Society, clean up area, bring people and tourists to area.

It was reported that dealers are selling pills at that location, police trying to shut it down.

8:45 George Sanchez arrived from Washington Heights BID.

He reported he wants to close St. Nicholas from 182nd St. to 183rd St. and reduce the 10 block closure to 1 block. No vending is allowed.

He further indicated the Initiative would host the following:

- Face painting
- People selling inside their places
- All music acoustic
- Exhibit artist from Washington Heights

He also indicated that each Sunday will have a theme (4) Sunday's in August/September "weekend walks" Initiated by DOT and Mayor's office. "Pride of the Heights" is an initiative provided to the community any non-profit can participate counteracts negative images of the Heights, to connect city residents to elected officials, bring people from the Heights. "It's all about community interaction". The group learned that a DVD is being made to promote the Heights and it's people and businesses.

There was no physical approval of the permit, plans are all tentative, pending SAPO response.

Toni: can our SAPO task force make a call for you downtown?

Response: G. Sanchez said yes!. It was decided that District Manager be asked to call DOT as a follow up.

CB12 will have a section on website "pride of the heights which will highlight short stories.

Scheduled time for the BID's "Pride of the Heights' begins 11am – 4:30pm, including 4 additional security officers, also includes portable bathrooms, garbage cleanup and 34th precinct involvement.

DOT will reroute the bus and it will cross over on 183rd t. George Sanchez will not close W. 181st Street.

Toni: hopes that SAPO will pass a resolution that forbids any street activity events hosted on 181st,

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted by Andria Reyes, typed by Deborah Blow

Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee May 4, 2010 (701 W. 168h St., Room 301)

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

Guests: Jacob Morris, Harlem Historical Society; Jerry Culligan, community resident; Michael Dillani & Mitchell Glenn, Jumel/Sylvan Assn; Tracy Eberhart, community resident; James Bosley, community resident; Daniel Mercado, Jennifer Hoppa, Charles McKenna, Adena Long & Tim Brunner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation; Maggie Clarke & David Nimowitz, Inwood Livable Streets Coalition; Laura Gabby, Manhattan Times

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20pm with opening remarks.

Update on Columbia University's Baker Field development: CU is making a presentation at the next Land Use Committee meeting (May 5th) regarding their proposed new athletic building and park at Baker Field (218th St. btw Broadway & Indian Road). Ms. Lorris Ritter will attend.

Presentation by Jacob Morris, Director, Harlem Historical Society: The Smithsonian Institution has a traveling exhibit, Freedom's Sisters, which focuses on 20 notable African-American women, from key 19th century historical figures to contemporary leaders, who have fought for equality for all Americans. (The exhibit, which has been touring the US for three years, ends in December, 2010). Although several women in the exhibit had connections to this community (including Constance Baker Motley and Betty Shabazz), it is not scheduled to come to NYC; he trying to bring it to the Shabazz Center. CB10 had been generally supportive of this when the exhibit first began its tour, but no space was secured. The exhibit has drawn up to 45,000 visitors in some venues (Chicago). The Harlem Historical Society has sufficient funding to cover the actual cost of event through the Smithsonian, though not necessarily the extra security costs that might be associated with the use of the Shabazz Center. Due to the full agenda further discussion was deferred to the June meeting, though those in attendance generally were supportive of the idea. In the meantime, Ms. Lorris Ritter encouraged committee members to learn more about the exhibit as well as possible support within the community and among elected officials. (http://www.sites.si.edu/exhibitions/exhibits/freedoms_sisters/main.htm)

New DPR proposed rules on sale of "expressive materials" in certain parks: DPR is considering new rules on the sale of expressive materials (publications, art, etc.) in certain parks (Central Park, Battery Park, Union Sq., and the elevated portion of the High Line) to balance first amendment rights, artists commercial needs and the rights of the public to peaceful and quiet enjoyment of parks. Ms. Lorris Ritter testified at a DPR hearing last week at the request of CB12 Chair Pam North to express general support of the proposed regs, with some adjustment to ensure fair rotation of vendors. Although the parks covered under the proposed new regulations are not in CB12, there is some concern about protecting CB12's parks from over-commercialization as in some downtown parks, as well as the possible precedents set by the commercial use of the High Line Park with respect to possible future use of the High Bridge once it is opened.

Greenstreet at St. Nicholas Ave/Amsterdam & 162: There is a small traffic triangle at Amsterdam &162nd St. Neighborhood resident Mitch Glen brought in a DOT study to argue in favor of creating a Greenstreet park at this location. Although DOT does not appear to have a formal plan for the location, its proposed traffic reconfiguration for enhanced pedestrian safety and improved traffic flow includes enlarging the current triangle to a significantly larger space, creating the potential for some other public use; it would be an ideal Greenstreet if funding is available. Observations/questions:

- The location is similar to the Trivium at 187/Pinehurst/Cabrini, a successful and popular Greenstreet, though there is significantly more traffic (and related issues) at the 162nd Street site.
- Could be designed along the lines of what's been done for plazas in/around Herald and Times Squares.
- George Preston Nelson (Traffic & Transportation Committee Chair) indicated DOT public comment period closes Friday 5/7 and it may be difficult to get action on this.
- Zead Ramadan commented that community demographics and park use patterns should help influence design ideas.

Committee takeaway: This is a DOT issue, which, combined with the short public comment window, means there's not much Parks and Cultural Affairs could do at the time, but we encourage T&T to express to DOT our strong support for a plan for some type of passive recreation in this space consistent with safety concerns and other operational constraints.

Parks Dept. presentation on N. Manhattan parks and breakout sessions: Present for Parks: Jennifer Hoppa, Steve Simon, Charles McKinney (Principal Urban Planner), Adena Long (Principal Strategic Planner) & Tim Brunner (Planner). There were several large maps of CB 12 for community input on what residents like, dislike, and would like to see happen in parks in our neighborhoods. Members of the committee and public broke up into three large groups to study the maps, write comments and engage in brainstorming exercises on what we need in our local parks, and how best to prioritize those needs. DPR is holding several such meetings and will collate and use these comments to help with community planning and project priorities. This activity occupied the bulk of the meeting; it was allotted 90 minutes, but enthusiastic conversation continued past 10pm.

Announcements

It's My Parks Day, May 15th: clean-ups and plantings in various parks throughout CB12. Cornerstone Chorale concert, May 16th at Holyrood Church. Puppet show version of *Sleeping Beauty* at Highbridge Park on May 22nd.

Youth & Education Committee May 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: George Espinal, Chair; Maria Luna; Martin Collins; Jackie Rowe Adams; Cynthia Carrion; Fe Florimon; Juan Alonzo.

Committee Members Absent: Leonardo Blackman; Audrey Perez; Dora Maria Abreu.

CB12 Member Present: Raybblin Vargas, Steve Simon

Guests: Caryl Soriano, New York Public Library; George Mihaltses, New York Public Library; Vianela Rivas, Washington Heights Branch Librarian; Steve Torrenti, New York York Public Library; Roberto De La Rosa; Vicente J. Villalba; Elaine Gorman, NYC Department of Education District 6 High Schools Superintendent; Al Kurland

George Espinal opened the meeting at 7:05pm and thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Espinal said the New York Public Library (NYPL) will speak about the Washington Heights branch renovations, the project's 20-month road map, and resource allocation. In addition, Elaine Gorman, the new District 6 High Schools Superintendent (replaced Francesca Pena who accepted another position) will present and answer questions. Mr. Espinal introduced the youth and education committee members and turned the podium over to the NYPL.

Geore Mihaltses, NYPL Vice President for Government Affairs, introduced Caryl Soriano, NYPL Manhattan Network Manager, Steve Torrenti, NYPL Capital Projects Manager, and Vianela Rivas, Washington Heights Branch Librarian. Mr. Mihaltses said no one likes when a library closes but construction work must get done. The Washington Heights branch renovation will take 20 months and during this period the NYPL will move most personnel from that branch to the Inwood and Fort Washington branches, and a few individuals will go to Hamilton Grange. Inwood is 1.3 miles, Fort Washigton .98 miles and Hamilton Grange .88 miles from the Washington Heights branch. In anticipation of increased patronage, library personnel, books, reference materials, and computer equipment has been beefed-up at all three adjacent branches.

This is a partial renovation of the Washington Heights branch library that cost \$3.6 million (\$1.9 million from Mayor Bloomberg; \$1.6 million from City Council; \$105,000 other). Today, May 3, 2010, private funding in the amount of \$1.2 million was received by the NYPL to completely renovate the 2nd floor children's room. Applause came from the crowd! Now, this project is funded at \$4.8 million. The NYPL met last week with Council Member Robert Jackson who provided most of the \$1.6 million and Mr. Jackson may have more money coming to renovate the elevator but it will depend on the budget.

Mr. Torrenti said the Department of Design & Construction will manage the construction portion of the job. A new handicap-accessible ramp, doors, and lift to the first-floor level will be installed. In addition, a new circulation desk, floor upgrades, new lighting, information technology, and a modern study library will be constructed.

All asbestos will be removed from the Washington Heights library. Also, new HVAC, fire alarms, exterior and interior roof work, new main flooring, and other cosmetic work will be done. Datner Architects completed the Washington Heights branch re-design plans. A lift will

provide handicap-access to the main floor while the elevator serves will serve from the lower level to the second floor. Currently, the NYPL has no plans for the third floor.

Customarily, it costs \$7-10 million to completely renovate a library; we have \$4.8 million here.

Ms. Soriano met with the managers of the three adjacent libraries and discussed hours of operation. All three branches will increase its hours and programs. Fort Washington will have children's programs every week day, including computer classes and teen programs. Inwood absorbed the ESL programs and Hamilton Grange will house the book discussion groups.

The NYPL redistributed the prime collection areas from Washington Heights to Hamilton Grange, Inwood and Fort Washington and all three branches are ready for additional patrons. Ms. Rivas will visit and work with all District 6 schools and Washington Heights-Inwood community-based groups to promote summer reading and other NYPL programs and services.

The NYPL continues to spread the word about all this with emails and fliers. Ms. Rivas posted bilingual fliers in numerous locations, schools, public official's offices, community groups, and did many in-school visits. Ms. Florimon suggested an external bulletin board at the Washington Heights branch to inform people where to go for materials and services. Mr. Mihaltses thought this was an excellent idea and will recommend it be done.

Mr. Mihaltses said CB12 will receive a document that outlines the full scope of work. NYPL construction projects are paid for by private and public sector dollars and these days the private donations are going up while the public contributions have gone down. Mr. Mihaltses will invite CB12 to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mr. Espinal introduced Elaine Gorman, the District 6 High Schools Superintendent. Last September, Superintendent Martha Madera and Ms. Gorman's predecessor, Francesca Pena, presented to the committee on each schools performance. Ms. Gorman detailed her 41 years in the education field and the positions held. For the District 6 dropout rate, Ms. Gorman needs more specifics. The dropout rate is a function of factors including unsuccessful and negative discharge codes. Overall, District 6 schools are in good standing; however, Gregorio Luperon High School's 73% graduation rate was low and the school did not make adequate ELA progress. Ms. Gorman went through the lengthy list of school reports and outlined who comes to District 6 high schools and from where.

Ms. Gorman discussed at length how George Washington High School (GWHS) is measured; it's measured by something called the DBN number. Each independent GWHS has its own report. Ms. Gorman noted that ELL and students with disabilities do not get the resource they need from the DOE.

State, city and federal guidelines are in similar alignment in terms of graduation rates; however, the metric is quite complicated. There a four and six-year graduation rate and numbers are given depending on what kind of diploma students receive. Ms. Gorman committed to meet with the committee this fall to dissect the graduation rates in greater details.

Al Kurland asked about secondary education and mentioned that high school graduates encounter problems in college because they receive an inadequate high school education. For Blacks and Latinos the numbers are worse. Ms. Gorman said 25% of disabled students graduate

and that a number of students that require remediation have risen. Ms. Gorman added that students who receive a 75% or better on the regents do not need remediation. Some 9th grade students may not be sufficiently prepped to go to the next level. Network leaders are looking into this issue. Roberto de la Rosa recommended that network leaders should work more closely with District 6 schools to address this matter. Ms. Gorman said anyone with concerns in this are should call 311 and speak with Rita Knight who handles all 311 calls regarding Manhattan high schools. Ms. Knight may also be reached at 917-339-1758. Ms. Gorman may be reached at egorman3@schools.nyc.gov.

Maria Luna asked what are we lacking in New York public high schools. Ms. Gorman said some K-12 students have not been served well, disabled students need greater care, and there are achievement gaps among sub-groups.

A question was asked about how student violence is handled. Ms. Gorman said high schools will work with the police; the school principal will notify her. The DOE's Glenn Rasmussen and Glenn Pole work at 333 7th Avenue and they work with the NYPD, gang intel and others to address any eventualities. Ms. Gorman works to ensure that all the necessary resources are there.

Steve Simon mentioned the High School for Excellence and Innovation is moving from 17th Street and Broadway to I.S. 52 in Inwood. This school is for overage and under-credited students. Tyona Washington is the school's principal. Ms. Gorman said the school currently operates with just a 9th grade but will expand to 9-12th grade with 400 students in a few years. Students come to this school from all over the place. The committee agreed to invite Ms. Washington to its next meeting on June 7, 2010.

Mr. Espinal distributed an August 2009 building conditions assessment survey, completed by an architect, for PS 115 where a classroom ceiling collapsed last month. The former PS 115 principal expressed many concerns on page one including: Re-plaster damaged ceilings and walls throughout the entire school caused by past leaky roofs; electrical power distribution must be upgraded in the entire building; ventilation is deficient; rodent infestation poses unsanitary health conditions for the health of staff and students. In addition, Mr. Espinal played the NY1 News report about the ceiling collapse and Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez's subsequent press conference.

PS 115 is in decrepit condition and following a thorough review and discussion of the survey a resolution was unanimously passed, which recommended the School Construction Authority hire forthwith a licensed professional engineer to complete by June 30, 2010 a complete building inspection report for PS 115 that includes detailed analysis for evidence of asbestos and description of the building's exterior pointing, brickwork, roof, ventilation and electrical distribution. The resolution also recommended the School Construction Authority fix without delay the deficiencies described in the engineer's report for PS 115 and make the full report available to the local public officials and Community Board 12, Manhattan. Please see page four of these minutes for the resolution.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm. The minutes were written and respectfully submitted by Martin Collins.

Minutes Traffic & Transportation Meeting 5/3/10

Committee Members Present: Chair George Preston, James Berlin, Edith Prentiss and Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky

Absent: Anita Barberis.

Public Member: Mitch Glenn,

Guests: Representatives and/or members of Holy Trinity Church, Sherman Creek, Dyckman Street, Jumel Homeowners and Tenants, Residents of Sylvan Terrace. Josh Orzeck, DOT Mitch Glenn, Sgt. Victor Garcia-NYPD 33rd Pct. Barbara Snyder, Peter, Jay Dias, Len Pfluger, Evelyn Neal, Joanne Pello, Pat Russell, Yvelis Prensa, Aida Disla, Adrian Allen, Joanna Monnier, Vincent

A quorum was reached at 7:15 PM and Chair George Preston called the meeting to order.

• Maurice Bruet had asked for closure on public in-put re. Sherman Creek Traffic Study and W 162 St Intersection Study due to the fact that we had previously devoted a great deal of time to it at the April 2, 2010 meeting. Josh Orzeck from the DOT presented a final review of the projects as presented to our April 2 meeting for final community input:

1) 162nd and Amsterdam/St. Nicholas Intersection

Comments from the community: A) They don't want angle parking on 162nd Street, Okay on St Nicholas Avenue. They are concerned that angle parking on 162 St. would only add to the problems already brought in by cars belonging to people who have no vested interest in the neighborhood but who park there. B) They recommend 4 crosswalks at the intersection, not three, so that pedestrians will be able to walk in all 4 directions. C) They are uncomfortable with the Greenway part of the 162nd Street intersection makeover because its use might result in the type of trashing of the islands as seen on Broadway. Some suggested using the space for additional parking. There were no provisions in the plan for its maintenance or defining what would be considered as use that was not destructive or a nuisance to the neighbors. T and T agreed that the matter was the purview of Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee.

2) Sherman Creek

Community members in general approved of the proposed new improvements on traffic flow, pedestrian crosswalks, etc.

Community members came out to discuss their frustration with the double-parking alleged to be by members of Iglesia Pentecostal Monte Calvario at 465 W 162nd Street near Edgecombe Avenue. Cars are double parked all day Sunday and 4 nights a week when the church has evening events starting at 7:00 PM. The district manager, Ebenezer Smith, attended a meeting at Ydanis Rodriguez' office last week to discuss this matter and the council member "supported the rights of any religious institution in his area and whatever parking allowances were given to the church should be maintained on Sundays, but on weeknights should be limited to in front of the church on Amsterdam Avenue." George Preston pointed out that the double parking problem is on W 162 St, not Amsterdam Avenue which is two-way and a bus route where categorically there can be no double parking. Dr. Preston also pointed out that the Church's

citing its address as "Amsterdam Avenue" was "duplicitous --that would place it in Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez' district;" that Iglesia Pentecostal's real address is 465 W. 162 Street and that said address places it in Councilman Jackson's district; that the moving of the double parking issue out of the community board and to a meeting at Mr. Ydanis Office was organized by CB12 Board Member Yokarina Duarte, presumably (?) on the assumption that Mr. Rodriguez' office was the proper venue to settle the issue and not the combined meeting of church representatives and community members that had taken place in the T & T Committee on April 2; that neither he (Preston) nor the two block associations, Residents of Sylvan Terrace and Jumel Homeowners and Tenants had been invited to the meeting at Rodriguez' office.

Several community members requested a resolution limiting the double parking. Committee member Berlin argued that double parking was categorically illegal and that therefore the Committee meeting was not the proper venue in which to decide the matter. Nonetheless a resolution was passed limiting courtesy double parking for religious observances on W. 162 Street and limiting it to "in front of the property of houses of worship only and on Sundays only, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM:"

A	Approved	Opposed	Abstained
Committee	3	1	0
Public	14	0	0
Public Member	1	0	0

One side issue was raised in that the church may have an illegal curb cut on the east facade e of its building and the matter requires further investigation.

Complaints re. Nightly Noise, Motorcycle Activity and Club Activity Disturbances

- Representatives from the Trinity Episcopal Church and the Dyckman and Broadway community presented on the area on Dyckman Street between Broadway and the HH Parkway. Many motorcycles and automobiles race the avenue late in the evening from 11:30pm-5am. Residents suggested that we install speed bumps on the avenue. Josh Orzek claimed that Dyckman didn't meet the warrants for speed bumps, as the DOT did a study during the day and monitored the traffic speed of the cars and did not see a problem. The community members did not see the purpose of doing the study during the day since the problem is only at night. Edith Prentiss mentioned that perhaps adding speed bumps would only make the matter worse as the motorcycles will use them to their advantage. Another issue raised is that these same cars also double and triple park on Dyckman at night. Also, the timing of the lights on Dyckman and Broadway should be addressed as it is difficult to get across the street before the light turns to red. Complaints focused on sleepless nights facing school children and adults who must work. One mother and child showed up and they appeared physically and morally 'broken' by the situation, hopeless that anything could be done.
- Illegal Tour Bus and Quality of Life Issues in Jumel Historical Area

Another issue raised by the community is the idling of busses in the vicinity of the Jumel Mansion, within the Jumel Historic District, especially on Sunday mornings. Barbara Snyder, the Weekend Manager of he mansion on the weekends said that perhaps the museum will open later on Sundays, at 11am. The rationale being that the busses idle in order to get the tourists to the service at Abyssinian Baptist Church; and that if the Mansion did not open until eleven, the busses might not show up as they would not be able stop at the mansion and arrive for the church service on time. Since by that time most people are off the busses and in church. Josh Orzeck said that he would be willing to get "no bus idling" signs if he receives a letter from the board or the district manager and to restrict bus traffic on 162nd Street and prohibit its entry at 160th Street and Saint Nicholas, . Jim Berlin suggested that before we write a letter, the DOT should study the area and decide where is the best place for the busses to idle or drop off passengers. George Preston pointed out that the bus layover on Edgecombe Avenue was being intentionally ignored by the buses and guides because it was convenient for them to do so in order to reach their next destination according to their schedule; and mentioned that the No Buses sign to the entry of Jumel Terrace via 162nd Street was being avoided by busses entering Jumel Terrace via W. 160th Street, A resolution limiting bus activity in the area was approved:

⊛.	Approved	Opposed	Abstained
Committee	3	1	0
Public	15	0	0
Public member	1	0	0

The resolution would prohibit standing, stopping and idling of buses on W 162 Street between the intersection of St. Nicholas/Amsterdam Avenues and Edgecombe Avenue and that DOT provide signage on the above mentioned section of W 162 Street requiring buses to proceed to bus layover and that it provide signage preventing buses from entering West 160 Street via St. Nicholas Avenue or using the MTA bust stop at the SW corner of Edgecombe Av and W 160 Street as a layover.

Illegal Parking and Posting of No Parking Signs by Film Crews

Film companies post "no parking" signs in the vicinity of Jumel Mansion --a frequent film location-- and it is hard for residents in the area to find parking. Although these companies have permission from the mayor's office of film theatre and broadcasting, they post the signs to streets other than those they were given permission to post on. Jim Berlin asked that Ebenezer address this issue. Community members said they would provide due diligence documentation.

No Parking Sign on Edgecombe Avenue

Residents complained about the lack of concordance between a sign prohibiting parking on Sundays between 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM Sundays supposedly to accommodate tour buses tournel Mansion when in fact the Mansion hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Joshsh Orzeck said that a letter re. the matter from the District Manager to DOT would be usefull in adjusting the situation. He also asked that the General Meeting Resolutions re the Jumel area be sent to DOT and Sargent Garcia of the 33 Pct. requested the same for NYPD

New Business

Edith Prentiss mentioned to Josh Orzeck that the crosswalks and curb cuts at SE corner 181 St/Bway are not aligned with each other so there are no direct pathways connecting them posing danger to the blind, handicapped and pedestrians in general.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Yosef Kalinsky

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES - MINUTES May 6, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

BOARD MEMBER

Glenda Swanson-Massa, Asst. Chair Juan Alonzo Melanie Hidalgo Cheryl Pahaham, Chair -Excused Carole Mulligan

Mireya Cruz-Diaz

Guests: Richard Espinal (Executive Director) & Giovanna Romero (Intern)of Centro Altagracia de Fe y Justicia, Henny Calle (Deputy Director of Special Projects and Community Outreach) NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development, Darren Gamma, M.P.A. (Program Director) Volunteers of America, Anthony Parson (Resident & Public Member), Ginia Addes (Resident),

Asst. Chairperson Glenda Swanson-Massa convened the meeting at 7:05 PM, acknowledgment to Committee Members and greetings to invited guests.

Mr. Richard Espinal introduced himself and His intern once again and stated that the Centro Altagracia de Fe y Justicia is not a faith based organization instead their mission is Faith in Action & to promote Social Justice in the community. One of the most common needs happens to be Housing and it's many complexities. His main concern was addressing the needs of the Community and addressing the need to serve where God is calling on him and his organization to serve. They currently are housed at 164th St. & Amsterdam Ave inside St. Rose of Lima Church. They are open to all the public regardless of religious beliefs, income level or geographic area. They have people from Bronx and other communities utilizing their services as well.

Mr. Espinal decided to first introduce his intern Giovanna Romero-Gil who is currently attending Baruch where she is currently a senior who received a scholarship from Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer to conduct lobbying efforts in Albany and to work closely with elected officials to ensure the needs of the community are met. She spoke briefly about her experience and how working alongside Mr. Espinal she wants to continue building partnerships with the Community Board as well as with Grassroots organizations throughout the community to better serve the community in reaching the Social Justice it deserves. She spoke briefly about the Social ministry team and how they organize individual parishes to mobilize the resources in the community and collaborate with Community agencies to investigate and reflect continuously on the community's changing reality to ultimately work and achieve social justice for Washington-Heights-Inwood and many other Communities.

Mr. Espinal then had the floor and spoke of the numerous legal-services which this organization provides in the area of housing, working in collaboration with the CUNY Legal Research team and with Project Remain/Nos Quedamos. Issues include but are not limited to complaints of repairs not being addressed in many buildings throughout our community, Rent Arrears cases, illegal subletting and other accusations against tenants, transitional issues, succession rights, evictions, Housing discrimination etc... Most cases are resolved without the need for a lawyer but they also have lawyers available to address issues which can't be resolved with a simple letter or phone call. They also provide referrals to Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp and other Legal Services providers as deemed necessary on a case by case

basis. Intake takes place on the last Tuesday & Thursday of the month from 10-12 p.m. & 4-8 p.m. and is conducted by the Altagracia staff. Flyers and business cards are available upon request at the CB12 Office.

Next, we had Henny Calle (Deputy Director of Special Projects and Community Outreach) NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development who spoke about Stopping Bed Bugs Safely and demystifying some common myths about bed bugs and how they enter the home. Some of the questions and comments she addressed from both the board and guests were What are Bed Bugs? What Does a Bed Bug bite feel like and look like? How dangerous are Bed Bugs? How to know if your home is infested with Bed Bugs? How to get rid of Bed Bugs? Many other questions were raised by Glenda and myself and were addressed appropriately. We were advised to speak to our landlords before calling 311.

Melanie Hidalgo asked how many violations have to be logged with the landlord or 311 before HPD takes action? The answer was unspecified which left some on the board and audience feeling skeptical of the situation. Flyers were distributed with info and answers to the following questions as well as her business card for future reference was handed out.

Darren Gamma M.P.A. (Program Director) for Volunteers of America spoke briefly about some the services his organization provides as well as giving some details about his transitional housing program. One of the houses under his program is the Sayler House which has about 146 units of permanent housing and is located on 560 West 165th St. Some of the other services that he spoke briefly about were

- Domestic violence
- Family shelters

Mr. Gamma then thanked the Community Board members and guests and left business cards to reach him or you can go to www.voa-gny.org for more info.212-543-1607

Ginia Addes (resident) I hope I spelled her name correctly gave us an update on her living situation. She is back in her home thanks to the work of the Community Board and briefly thanked us all for our help.

The floor was left open for new Business and some announcements were made about upcoming events and Juan Alonzo spoke briefly about organizing residents and organizations as well as elected officials on the need for a Community Court to serve the needs of Washington Heights & Inwood in the areas of Housing and Youth delinquency.

Announcements: Patrol Borough North Community Resource Event 5/15/10 from 11 am to 5 p.m. @ P.S. 192/325 500 W. 138th st) topics include ID theft/Gang Awareness/ cell phone & laptop etching/ health screening/education/ music, giveaways and much more... for more info contact Po. Rijo 212 678 1887

Project Remain/Nos Quedamos is having a meeting on 5/19/10 @ 6:30 Isabella Geriatric Center 515 Audubon Ave corner of 190th st. and invites Vantage Residents to join the NYS Attorney General and our elected officials to discuss the Vantage Settlement and how it benefits them. Please call 646 448-4342 for more info.

Project Remain/Nos Quedamos 2010 Housing Forum Series – Learn about the current status of Section 8 and the Jiggets program, and your rights as NYCHA Tenants:

When: 5/20/10 Time: 6:30 P.M. Place: Dyckman House Community Center 3784 10th Ave @ 202nd St. for more info call 646 448 4342

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M. Minutes submitted and typed by Juan Alonzo

Land Use Committee Meeting - Minutes

May 5, 2010

Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair Richard Allman Isaiah Bing James Berlin **Committee Members Absent**

Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair

Board Members
Martin Collins
Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter

Public Members Present

Vivian Ducat Tamara Rivera

Guests: Edwin Marshall-DCP, Libby Howland, Gail Addiss, Pat Courtney, La-Verna Fountain-Columbia University, Victoria Benitez-Columbia University, Matthew Spady-800 RSD, Gary Tarnoff(consultants), Sandra Harris-Columbia University, Steve Holl(consultants), Olaf Schmidt(consultants), Kramer Levin(consultants), Joe Mannino, Dan Held, James Corner Field(landscape architect)

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM
- 2. Community resident Matthew Spady made a presentation to the Land Use Committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") on a proposed expansion of the Audubon Park Historic District ("Audubon Park"). The proposed expansion would include the brownstones on West 158th Street between Riverside Drive and the Henry Hudson Parkway and the apartment building at the northwest corner of West 158th Street and Riverside Drive that was originally built as a singlefamily home. Matthew advised the Committee that the rationale for the proposed expansion includes expanding the footprint of the historic district to more closely reconcile with the historic boundaries of Audubon Park, preservation and acknowledgment of buildings that date back to circa 1873 and are architectural jewels, increasing the architectural diversity of the Audubon Park and Audubon Terrace historic districts and creating a buffer for Audubon Park. It was also noted that the proposed expansion of Audubon Park is a logical next step towards advancing Boulevard Lafayette Historic District that would include Riverside Drive from West 158th Street to approximately 162nd Streets (Riverside Drive originally ended in the vicinity of Grant's Tomb; Riverside Drive from 158th Street and north was originally called Boulevard Lafayette). In his presentation, Matthew reviewed aspects of the history of land ownership and development in the area and also noted that a ferry service and sugar refinery that once existed at the foot of 158th Street may have been related to the under-ground railroad. Next steps in the development of this proposal include outreach to local residents and property owners and outreach to the Landmarks Conservancy for guidance with drafting a request for evaluation.
- 3. Sandra Harris of Columbia University ("CU") introduced representatives of CU present and advised that CU is coming to the Committee in follow up to their prior meetings with Community Board 12-Manhattan ("CB2-M"), local residents, NYC Parks and elected officials to discuss the proposed Bakerfield project and to provide an overview of the application that CU has submitted to the Department of City Planning ("DCP"). Ms. Harris then introduced La-Verna Fountain of CU Capital Projects who acknowledged receipt of the resolution passed by CB12-M in April 2010, noted that a fence at the Bakerfield Campus that was the source of complaints from

residents has been removed and that additional street trees have been planted. The Committee was also informed that CU is working with NYC Parks to resolve matters pertaining to the proposed waterfront park and CU's use of city-owned land, all parking generate during construction of the new athletic facility will be accommodated on campus, all football games are free to the public and that discussion is underway to determine how public access to the track can be accommodated. CU's Joe Mannino continued the presentation. Mr. Mannino advised that his office is responsible for construction at CU's Bakerfield and Morningside campuses and then introduced the landscape architect, James Corner Field, for the waterfront park project and the architect, Steven Holl Architects, for the Campbell Sports Center project, i.e.: the new Bakerfield athletic facility. The Committee was advised that CU is proposing to construct a waterfront at the westernmost edge of the Bakerfield campus in order to comply with waterfront zoning regulations that are triggered by the proposed construction of the Campbell Sports Center. The proposed waterfront park is approximately 22,000 square feet; roughly 5,000 square feet of which are on city-owned land, i.e.: part of Inwood Hill Park. [Subsequent to the meeting, in the process of reviewing CB12-M's copy of the application that CU submitted to DCP for the project, it was clarified that the proposed waterfront park only partially meets the waterfront zoning regulations, and that, given the size of the Bakerfield campus, a publicly-accessible waterfront area of over 180,000 square feet is required to fully comply with zoning regulations]. The Campbell Center will be multi-story building constructed at the corner of 218th Street and Broadway. The entrance will be on 218th Street. The façade materials will be primarily glass and metal panels. The Committee and guests present discussed / questioned various aspects of the waterfront park and the Campbell Center including but not limited to the following.

- What is the status of discussions between CU and NYC Parks concerning the cityowned land at the waterfront of the Bakerfield campus that CU has occupied for roughly 60 years?
- CB12-M's Parks and Recreation Committee recently hosted a visioning session at which access to the waterfront and the waterway was cited the number 1 priority.
- Waterfront access is a topic frequently raised by the public; this should be considered in the Bakerfield project.
- Inwood does not have the same access to the waterfront as other neighborhoods in Manhattan.
- How does one walk from the proposed waterfront part to the city-owned land that CU is occupying? Why isn't the city-owned property included in the Waterfront Park?
- Will the metal panels proposed for the Campbell Center reflect light in to the windows of near-by residential buildings?
- How has the design for the Campbell Center been modified or how will it be modified in response to public comments received by CU?
- Are the façade materials easy to clean? Can trash/debris be inserted in the screen-wall that encloses the ground floor mechanical/service area?
- What types of fuel will the building use?
- Will the new building contain the same blue that is used on the blue "C" presently on campus?
- Is CU working on a master plan for Bakerfield?

After additional discussion, questions and answers CU's presentation concluded. Chair Benjamin indicated that the Committee is interested in being briefed further on both the waterfront park and

the new athletic facility project with a focus on CU advising it has or will address and accommodate public comments received.

- 4. The Committee discussed the proposed rezoning of the C8 zones in Washington Heights and Inwood with Edwin Marshall of DCP. The presentation made by planning fellow Matthew Sloane at the April Land Use meeting was reviewed. Chair Wayne Benjamin reiterated that the proposed rezoning is not a development project and is not intended to cause existing buildings to be demolished or altered. The discussion encompassed matters pertaining to building height and bulk, façade design, the goals and objectives of the proposed rezoning and the zoning tools available to DCP to regulate building form. It was noted that the Committee should focus on outlining the goals and objectives as opposed to specific zoning designations in any resolution it drafts requesting the rezoning. Edwin advised the Committee that DCP is expected to experience staff reductions and as a result, although the proposed rezoning is not a large project, it may take some time to complete. The Committee expects to bring a resolution to the full board in June for its consideration.
- 5. The meeting adjourned at 9:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Benjamin