

**Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee**  
**October 5, 2010 (40 Haven Avenue)**

**Committee Members present:** Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair; Ernest David Kach, Assistant Chair, Rabbi Joseph Kalinsky; Cynthia Carrion; Jasmine Moy; Zead Ramadan. **Committee Members Absent:** Joe Wojak. **Board Members present:** Edith Prentiss. **Staff:** Paola Garcia

**Guests:** David Nimowitz & <firstname?> Rabinowitz, Inwood Livable Streets; Shachi Pandey, WNY Architecture; Obed Fucar, Friends of Sheman Creek; Bharrt Parekh & Alimur Rahman, NYC Department of Design & Construction; Carlos Ballenilla, WHTC; Aja Hazelhoff, Transportation Alternatives; Ibonnatan Arango, Alianza Dominicana; Robert Kornfeld, Friends of the OCA; Ama Sanoffni, Inwood Gardeners; Mandra Sarngo, CU/Mailman School of Public Health; Leo Vsquez, Audubon Partnership; Millie Sewn, Friends of HBPK; Pat Courtney, Volunteers for Isham Park; Rechamp Lewis; Tray Eberhart; Karen Cruz; Dawson Smith; J. Alberto Muy; Alex Castex-Porter; Gail Addiss; Ellen Macnow, Yekaterina Gluzberg & Jennifer Hoppa, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation; Angelo Monserrate, Micheal Ford, Adele Bartlett, Jose Estevez, H. Hinzmann, Bob Clark, Tracy Roberts, Lisa Roberts, Orlando Dowell & Jose Candelario, Inwood Tennis Association

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Committee Chair Elizabeth Lorris Ritter called the meeting to order at 7:08pm, with welcome & a moment of silence for former Board and Committee member Emilia (Toni) Cardona, who died unexpectedly in July.

**News & Updates:**

Resolution for Wright Bros. Playground and Bennett Park passed at last month's Committee meeting was approved by the full board, including additional information and suggestions from community resident Richard Lewis who testified at the Board general meeting with regard to security and noise problems at the playground related to seating design. Mr. Lewis, Ms. Lorris Ritter, and representatives of the 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct and DPR to meet later this month to follow up.

Columbia University's Baker Field: The Land Use Committee is hosting a public hearing at 7pm on Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> regarding CU's Campbell Sport Facility and development at the Baker Field campus. Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee members are expected to attend.

**Sherman Creek Waterfront Esplanade Master Plan (NYC EDC):** 7:19pm presentation by Alejandro Baquero Cifuentes. ([abaquero@nycedc.com](mailto:abaquero@nycedc.com)) NYCEDC currently is engaging the local community to develop a master plan for this area to revitalize the Harlem River waterfront in Inwood, including a vision for a continuous waterfront esplanade. Since 2004, NYCEDC and the City's Department of Parks & Recreation have worked together to implement the study's recommendations that relate to waterfront access, parks, and recreation.

- Community Concerns Identified: Traffic and pedestrian safety, crime, maintenance and health business of merchants.
- Site Limitations include: Property ownership (DOT, Con Ed, and other private owners); shoreline conditions (substantial work needed which is very costly).
- Opportunities: Continuous waterfront amenities, access points 204<sup>th</sup> Street & 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.; and Academy Street, water access
- Work to date includes: The clean-up of the upland area just south of the Sherman Creek Inlet, in partnership with New York Restoration Project (NYRP), a local non-profit organization, the creation of a pedestrian trail next to P.S. 5, a local elementary school, also in partnership with NYRP, and the creation of five pocket parks at the Harlem River ends of West 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, and 206th streets.
- Phasing the Project in two parts (with sub phases in each): I. South of 204<sup>th</sup> Street & II. North of 204<sup>th</sup> Street

The full power point presentation is available online at: [www.nycedc.com](http://www.nycedc.com). The Advisory Committee is open; community members are encouraged to join. To sign-up: [shermancreekwaterfront@nycedc.com](mailto:shermancreekwaterfront@nycedc.com).

**Committee and Public discussion/Q&A:**

- Is the plan in partnership with the NYRP Environmental Center? Yes
- Biking and Cycling? Discussions are ongoing between the biking community and other users, NYCEDC will need to find a way to manage both, given the very narrow space.
- It was widely agreed that basketball courts may not be the best usage of the space, given the above mentioned concerns.
- Still in open discussions with Con Ed about property, main concern is assuring public and company property safety given the importance of the facility to power city with electricity.

**Review/discuss Highbridge Renovation Schematics & Plans:** 8pm presentation by Ellen Macnow of NYC Department of Parks & Recreation and Bharrt Parekh NYC Department of Design & Construction. Rehabilitation of the High Bridge has been made possible by funding allocated by Mayor Bloomberg, Congressman Serrano and other federal funding. (total budget \$62 million) It is one of eight Regional Parks to be improved through the PlaNYC initiative to provide expanded recreation to local residents and regional visitors. There was a lengthy presentation of the bridge's historical significance, location, structural rehabilitation, Bronx and Manhattan access as well as public comments received. (Presentation can be found at: [http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub\\_about/parks\\_divisions/capital/pdf/schematic\\_design.pdf](http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_about/parks_divisions/capital/pdf/schematic_design.pdf))

- The design should accommodate safe sharing by pedestrians & bicyclists; add benches for respite/viewing.

- Bridge Appearance: Clean the stone arches, safety fence should be minimal to preserve views, preserve historic appearance, show historic aqueduct pipe, add lighting on walkway and for decoration
- Improvement for Access and Usage – ADA accessible ramps, benches, remove lead paint,
- Project Timeline: Design 2/10 through Spring '11, begin construction Fall '11; complete construction Fall '13

Discussion regarding the Safety Fences: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter - DOT fence options are very ugly, and mar the viewscape.

Strong comments reflected the Urges DPR and DDC to find alternative. Zead Ramadan - Would the wire fence invite vandalism? Supports the usage of bike, but would prefer to not have a bike line painted path or dismount policy.

Inwood Livable Streets – Encourage non-dismount policy, Highbridge reinforces alternative transportation from Manhattan to the Bronx. Would like continuous trail from HBP (Dyckman to the Bronx).

Bob (Historical District Council) – Would like to keep the bridge to being restored to original usage, advocating to a speed limit and limited benches.

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter – Requests the DOT and Parks mitigate mixed usage with public education and signage for expected behavior. Benches allow for equal enjoyment of views, including by those unable to stand for long periods of time.

Edith Prentiss: Would like that the historical elements be accessible, perhaps making signage lower.

Cynthia Carrion Where will the funds to continue maintaining come from? A: Still working on this.

**Inwood Hill Park Tennis Courts:** 8:41PM Presentation by Angelo Monserrate. In speaking with the CB 12 M, DPR and elected officials realized that \$1.2 million is not enough for all the courts and ADA upgrade for comfort station and to meet the needs of the basketball and tennis community interests. Presented plan and statement and will be providing list of signatures from petition regarding the renovation. Other concerns discussed by public and members – safety concerns at Inwood Hill Park, especially the courts during nighttime, lack of input from users of the courts, lack of enforcement. Committee will work w/ C/M Rodruiguez for additional funding and will add the item to the capital priorities. Members of the public were invited to stay for the ranking.

#### **Discussion of Budget Priorities for FY '12:** 9:30PM

**Capital Projects:** Indian Road playground in Inwood Hill Park was deleted as this project is near completion. The reconstruction of the Broadway/Cloisters steps in Ft. Tryon Park was moved to "continuing support". Tennis Court renovation in Inwood Hill Park and the Sherman Creek waterfront esplanade were added. The projects were ranked as follows:

1. Sherman Creek Waterfront Esplanade
2. Highbridge water tower: stairs, pointing, windows & carillon (DPR)
3. Reconstruct parks pathways and paving in Inwood Hill, Highbridge & Fort Tryon Parks (DPR)
4. Javits Playground renovation (Ft. Tryon Park)
5. Repair 3 Inwood Hill Park Tennis Courts & Renovate Comfort Station for ADA-compliance
6. Install lighting and water fountain in Ft. Washington Park at 165th & RSD dog run (DPR)
7. Bennett Park Phase II
8. Ft. Washington Park PlaNYC Playground & Comfort Station
9. Purchase a water truck for parks maintenance and the expanded Greenway (DPR)
10. Reconstruct Gorman Park's stone stairway, paving, planting, and benches (DPR)

The following were ranked for "continuing support: Reconstruct staircase from Broadway to Cloisters; Reconstruct Roger Morris Park's perimeter sidewalks; Rehabilitate the Riverside Oval (Riverside & West 156th Street); Reconstruct Roger Morris Park's retaining wall and install ADA ramp; Rehabilitate and open the High Bridge.

**Expense Projects:** no additional items; same ranking order as last year:

1. Fund additional Park Enforcement Personnel (DPR)
2. Fund Additional Sanitation, Maintenance & Horticulture Personnel (DPR)
3. Increase funding for afterschool programs at J Hood Wright, Highbridge and Inwood Parks (DPR)
4. Provide Funding for the street tree pruning program (DPR) (This is considered "new" from OMB's perspective, as it did not make the top-25 list of projects from CB12 overall.

**Announcements:** It's My Park Day: 10/23 at Sherman Creek; Ft. Tryon Park 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration 10/17 11:30-4:30

**Mail:** There was no mail.

**New Business:** Brief discussion regarding proposed ban on cigarette smoking in parks; Alex Castex-Porter will raise issue at fuller discussion at next month's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10PM.

**Youth and Education Committee**  
**Thursday, October 14, 2010**

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Meeting Started: 7:20 pm

Elizabeth Pepin, Chair and Fe Florimen, Assistant Chair

Board Members Present: Jackie Rowe Adams, Juan Alonzo, Manny de los Santos, Raybblin Vargas

Board Members Absent: Leonardo Blackman, Cynthia Carrion, Martin Collins, Julissa Gomez, Angelo Ortiz, Alyce Smith

Board Member Excused: Maria Luna

There was no quorum therefore no resolutions would be passed.

Ms. Martha Madera and Francesca Pena of DOE District 6 did not attend.

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Presenter: Chester Asher – Transform America

- Goal to create 25 youth councils
- Youth Councils are youth 13 -21 years who work with one adult facilitator to develop campaigns around issues that impact them directly. They lead and develop the campaigns. They are usually 15 -20 young people.
  - Example: East Harlem Youth Harlem developed a campaign on gun violence, gentrification, and diabetes. In West Harlem youth council developed a campaign to have employers commit to hire one young person.
- They recruit in the local schools of the community – Middle School and High School.
- Transform America aims to provide \$500 to each youth council for miscellaneous needs as they see fit
- Community Boards can create Youth Councils by either:
  - Creating it as a sub-committee
  - Giving youth voting power
  - CB 7 – Brooklyn is looking to create it as a subcommittee
  - CB 5 – West Side has a subcommittee
- Youth Councils meet in Community Board spaces and if space is not available then Transform America works to find a space.
- Every Tuesday and Thursday 5 – 6 pm at Melissa Viverito's Youth Council meet at her office, 115 East 106<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Community Board and Transform America partnership will be in coordinating space get facilitators and collaborate on supporting the youth in the campaigns that they develop.
- Transform America will be in charge of recruitment.
- In order to initiate process to develop youth council Transform America need to get support from CB before they can begin to recruit in the community.

Mr. Asher is looking for support to develop a youth Council in CB 12 and Requests that Committees support.

Recommendation: Mr. Asher should return to present his program to the General Board on October 26<sup>th</sup> to introduce concept and then re-present to Youth and Education Committee and if possible to bring samples of working models of active councils and maybe bring young people.

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Presenter: Josh Karan, Coordinator

Parent Advocates Coming Together – PACT, funded by NYC Council Black, Latino and Asian Legislative Caucus and NYS Assembly member Annette Robinson and Inez Barron.

- Program is supported by City Council Members Ydanis Rodriguez and Robert Jackson. Endorsed by District 6 CEC.
- PACT is to develop a new parent leadership in the community that is lacking. It will provide training on the education processes and how to navigate.
- See flyer for curriculum for parents.
- Each week there are presenters for each topic by experts in the field.
- Program is meant for a parent to choose a project during the training to develop and advocacy on their own to be presented at the end of their training program. If they attend 80% of the classes and present their advocacy project, they will receive a certificate from the program.
- Within two years that there will be 80 to 100 parents get active in CB 12.
- Tentative home for this program will be at Columbia in negotiation with Julio Batista.
- Esmeralda Simmons, Executive Director of Center Law and Social Justice Project is the overall Director for PACT.
- Budget is \$7000 mostly spent on food. Two people need to be hired: translators and site coordinators.
- Focus on lower school parents due to locality of schools
- One Wednesday Night a week 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Request to support the formation of a PACT in District 6, starting in January with 40 - 45 parents for a 12-week program to begin recruitment of parents.

The presenter was re-invited to the next meeting in hopes of passing a resolution and presenting to the board in the December general meeting .

The Chair, Announced that the meetings would now take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month but that next month's meeting would take place on Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>, since the our regular meet time would fall on veterans day. The chair asked the committee to come up with at least 5 goals they would like to accomplish this year in the Y&E committee. She asked the members to prepare it and bring it to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00pm submitted by RV

Edited by EP

## **Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

10/5/2010

**Committee Members Present:** Nicole Foster, Tony Lopez, Edith Prentiss, Ruddy Santana, Mireya Cruz, Melanie Hildalgo, George Espinal

**Committee Members Absent:** Leonardo Blackman

**Committee Members Excused:** Rolando Cespedes,

**Community Board Members Present:**

**Community Board 12 Staff Present:** Paola Garcia

Public Present: Ismael Rodriguez – Citywide Licensing; Abraham Ogando – CAIRO; Argilio Rodriguez – Rodriguez Law Firm; Mariella Rueda – Assemblyman Farrell Office; Bill Wagner; Nicole Lugo; Julio Pequero; Angelina Ramirez – Washington Heights – BID; Victor Rijo – CAIRO; Sandra Jaquez – IL SOLE; Tomas Morales – CAIRO; Joselito Severino – IL SOLE; Nicolas Romero – El Reino de St. Nicholas Barber Shop; PO Pabey – 34th PCT; Elizabeth Porter; Lt. Crispin Muniz – 34th PCT; PO Perez – 34th PCT; Frank Hess – Assemblyman Farrell Office; PO Cuevas – 33<sup>rd</sup> PCT; Jaritza Taveras – MBPO; David Rivas

**A. Welcome & opening Remarks- Nicole Foster, Chair**

**B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses**

### **ON PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE**

1. **Trio's Café & Lounge Inc dba Arka Lounge** (4488 Broadway (bet Fairview Ave & W. 193<sup>rd</sup> St) - This establishment was a NO SHOW. The 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct had no objections to the establishment and wants them to continue to monitor their crowds. The precinct reported that the most recent reported complaints were from February and April. A resident from Broadway Terrace who lives directly behind the establishment reported that every night he can hear the music and the crowds 3 and 4 flights up. He also reported regular incidents of double parking; including the valet services hired by the establishment's double parking cars on the residential streets (the police have agreed to be more diligent in issuing summons to double parked cars). Finally, the resident also mentioned that the establishment has continuous issues of patrons taking over the sidewalk and non-patrons having difficulty walking on the sidewalk.

**VOTE- Committee 5-2-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 16-1-0**

2. **El Conde Steakhouse Corp** (4311 Broadway (at the corner of W. 184<sup>th</sup> Street) - The establishment was a NO SHOW. The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct raised no objections, not did the public present at the meeting.

**VOTE- Committee 5-0-2, Board 0-0-0, Public 8-1-8**

### **C. State Liquor Authority New Applications**

#### **ON PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE**

3. **400 West Cairo Corp dba Cairo** (400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street- Bet 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue) - The establishment was represented by the owner Abraham Ogando and his representative Ismael Rodriguez. The establishment will have two parts. The front part of the establishment will be a restaurant and the rear of the establishment will be a banquet hall (with its own separate entrance). The restaurant will be open from 5 PM until 4 AM everyday and the banquet hall will only be open when there are events. The establishment will sell Spanish and Mediterranean food. In regards to security, there will be 6 cameras outside and 30 cameras inside. This will be in addition to having 2 security guards present when the restaurant is operating. They have contracted with the garage 2 blocks away and preliminarily been given 200 spaces for patrons of the establishment. They will also be providing free shuttle service between the garage and the establishment. In regards to capacity, the restaurant can hold close to 105 people and the banquet hall can hold 200-300 people. There are 20 tables in the establishment that hold 4 people per table and the bar holds 10-12 people. The establishment is ADA compliant at the front door and the bathroom. The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct did have some concerns due to the establishment's proximity TBA and Umbrella and congestion. The establishment has agreed to notify the precinct in advance when the banquet hall is being used. They will inform them once the party has been booked. However, they said as of now they would not object. Members of the public spoke out saying that this establishment should not be penalized for the bad behavior of other establishments nearby.

**VOTE- Committee 6-1-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 18-0-0**

4. **Euro El Tina Restaurant Lounge & Billiards Corp** (500 W. 207<sup>th</sup> Street – Bet Post & 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue) - The establishment was represented by the owner Santiago Casado and his representative Argilio Rodriguez. This is a restaurant and billiards establishment. There are 18 billiards tables and 12 dining tables, where 4 people can sit per table. There will be a VIP lounge with a total of 10 couches, which are going to be love seats. They hope to use the space to host events like political events. They will be open from 12 PM to 12 AM on the weekday and 12 PM to 4 AM on the weekdays. They will have 18 employees and they will be contracting with a company to provide security services. The establishment is not

ADA compliant, but they are in talks to install a lift from the front door to the basement to accommodate that fact. They have occupancy of 120 people, but would like to eventually increase that to 300 people. They have a circle bar that seats 72 people and there are 12 tables. There are also 30-40 seats around the perimeter of the establishment. The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct raised concern related to the fact that there is no visual from the front door and that there is limited access to the establishment (only the front door and the backdoor). The previous owner used to let an after hours crowd in through the back door. The current owners are trying to distance themselves from the previous owners and have stated that cutting costs on security is not an option. They are hiring security through a certified company run by Andres Anoa, a former NYC policeman. They will have 2 security personnel per 50 people and through the security service will have personnel on call. They will also have an ID scanner and metal detectors and wands. In response to police and community concerns, here are some of the accommodations that the establishment has agreed to. They will agree to close at 3 AM instead of 4 AM. They will add 2 fixed security personnel at the doors with radios. They will have 2 security personnel by the metal detectors and 2-3 personnel by the bar. They will also have 2 security personnel at the rear entrance. All personnel will be required to wear a uniform.

**VOTE- Committee 5-0-2, Board 0-0-0, Public 8-0-2**

5. **839 W. 181 Food Inc dba The Dark Horse** (839 W. 181<sup>st</sup> Street- Bet Pinehurst & Cabrini Blvd) - This establishment was a no show. The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct is withholding comment. There was no public comment.

**VOTE- Committee 0-2-4, Board 0-0-0, Public 0-2-3**

6. **Pilon Restaurant Inc dba Pilon Restaurant** (1341 St. Nicholas Avenue (at the corner of W. 177<sup>th</sup> Street) - This establishment was a no show. The 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct is withholding comment. There was no public comment.

**VOTE- Committee 0-3-4, Board 0-0-0, Public 0-1-4**

7. **EL Reino de St. Nicholas Sports Bar** (1228 St. Nicholas Avenue- Bet W. 171<sup>st</sup> & W. 172<sup>nd</sup> Sts) - The establishment was represented by the owner Nicholas Romero and his business partner David Rivas. The owner has a barber shop above where this establishment is proposed to be located. There will be 2 employees and the establishment will hold 10-15 people. Access to the barber shop will come from both the front door as well as through the barber shop. They will not be serving food. There will be 5 security cameras. Two of them will be outside. There will be no music only a television. The bar counter will be able to accommodate 7 people. They are also looking to have couches and additional

chairs. The space is 40 X 15. It is not ADA compliant. It will open at 1 PM and close at 10 PM every day of the week. The 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct is concerned about gambling and the potential about underage drinking given the barber shop located above. The owner made clear that no children are allowed. In addition, they are going to hire one licensed security personnel for the establishment. The public expressed concern about the need to have a bar underneath the barber shop.

**VOTE- Committee 0-4-3, Board 0-0-0, Public 0-1-3**

## **RESTAURANT WINE**

8. **La Matica Seafood Restaurant Corp** (3845 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue- Bet W. 205<sup>th</sup> & W. 206<sup>th</sup> Sts) - The establishment was represented by the owner Henry Familia and Jose Enriquez, his representative. The establishment would be a seafood restaurant. It can hold 20-25 people. There would be 3 tables each which could hold 4 people. They will also have 10 chairs at the counter. It would be open 24 hours. They will have 7 security cameras. They will only have security personnel on the weekend. There will be no music/jukebox. The establishment is now ADA compliant. It has been open since July 2010. The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct has no objections, not does the public, which expressed the establishment has good food.

**VOTE- Committee 6-1-0, Board 0-0-0, Public 17-0-0**

## **D. Department of Consumer Affairs Re-Apply Application for Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe**

9. **Sol's Restaurant Inc dba IL Sole** (233 Dyckman Street) - The establishment was represented by the owner Sandra Jaquez. It has been in operation for 5 years and serves Italian food. There are 20-22 tables inside and 13 tables outside. The establishment is open from 3 PM to 11 PM on weekdays and 3 PM to midnight on weekends. They have music inside and on Thursday there is live music. She admits when the doors open you can hear the music. At 11 PM they stop seating people outside. The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct has no objection as long as the owner adheres to the established hours of operation. The precinct stated that they never had a complaint until this year. In regards to the public, Frank Hess from Assemblyman Farrell's office asked that the owner meet with Councilmember Jackson, which he has been doing with all business owners on the Dyckman Strip. The owner agreed. The public also asked that there be a manager outside at all times to enforce sidewalk café rules especially stopping seating at the established hours. The owner agreed. The public also stated that the establishment had good food, good service and good prices.

**VOTE- Committee 6-0-1, Board 0-0-0, Public 18-0-0**



**Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 6, 2010**

**Committee Member**

Andria Reyes  
Julissa Gomez  
Frank Alvarez  
Tony Lopez  
Manny De Los Santos

**Committee Absentees**

George Cruz

**Board Members Attending**

George Fernandez  
George Espinal

**Staffer:** Deborah Blow

**Guests:** Dep Insp. Joseph Dowling, NYPD 33rd Pct. Capt. Jose Navarro, NYPD 34th Pct., PO Francisco Rijo, NYPD-PBMN, Joseline Minaya, DA's Office, Clifton Hill and S. Richardson-Project Renewal

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**Ms. Andria Reyes**, Chair, convened meeting 7:10 pm

**Capt. Jose Navarro, NYPD 34<sup>th</sup> Pct.** reported on stats. He reported that 3 crimes up = 13% for quarter, overall down 14%. "Every precinct is short on police officers". When asked to provide an explanation of the Vermilea Avenue shooting the week before, Captain Navarro provided an explanation.

**George Fernandez**, asked "What information did the 911 operator relay to the officers that showed up to the crime scene?" "What is the standard procedure for dealing with an emotionally disturbed person when encountered in an incident?". "What happened to the officers- in terms of mental health services- when they kill a person?"

Officer says it's a tragedy for both the victim and officers. However, it's a reality of police work. One never can predict what will happen in a situation or how people will react, or how both the police or suspect will react. Capt. Navarro confirmed that victim was in fact tazed in a non-lethal effort to stop him from attacking the police and the tazer was not effective. There was only one tazer gun on site because only sergeants carry tazers. Victim was asked repeatedly to put down the knife and he did not. The victim lunged towards police and was shot in the chest. Officers who fired the shots were taken off of duty the next day and are being monitored. Officers use standard operating procedure when dealing with emotionally disturbed persons. The Police Academy trains extensively, however situations still arise in the real world that cannot be anticipated. The assessment of situation does not happen until an officer arrives and assesses the situation.

It was also reported that 1 homicide occurred this week, involving a stabbing of a 16 yr old on W. 177<sup>th</sup> Street between St. Nicholas and Audubon.

**Deputy Inspector Joseph Dowling, 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct**

Dep. Insp. Dowling reports crime categories were "good" in the first quarter of the year and down in the second quarter. Statistics improved in the third. He spoke about a shortage of police officers, and trying to do more with less on staff.

There was an increase in robberies; 15 young men are allegedly committing the same robberies repeatedly. The 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct has pictures of the suspects and even a 13yr old was recently arrested. Their mugshots were shown at the meeting. It was reported that the prevalence of fraud and grand larceny increased this month. Bank of America had a skimmer on W. 168<sup>th</sup> St and several identities were stolen. Other common crimes include Internet and fraudulent purchases.

There is a large incidence of cell phone robberies in the area. The gangs are expanding and recruiting new and younger members. The officers are finding that children (aged 13 and 14) are getting repeatedly locked up and that there is a need for rehabilitation, not repeated lockups.

There was a homicide on 177<sup>th</sup> street and Audubon, a person was stabbed in the chest and it is still under investigation. There was one arrest in this case and another person is still being looked for. There was also a domestic homicide on 165<sup>th</sup> and Broadway and it led to an arrest.

### **Tony Lopez**

There was an at-length discussion between Mr. Lopez and Captain Navarro. Mr. Lopez reported that someone broke the door to his business and that has taken him 5 weeks of repeated calls and visits to the precinct for him to get an incident report including case number for him to submit to the insurance. At the time of this meeting, he still had not been able to obtain the case number. Mr. Navarro said that the issue would be corrected immediately. There was an additional discussion about how people less "connected" get incident reports when needed if Mr. Lopez, who had "connections" had so much difficulty obtaining one.

**Capt. Navarro** recommends that one must provide the department with names of police officers that fail to provide incident reports.

**George Espinal** asked the committee for support on a resolution he plans to draft. The DEP refuses to give FDNY wrenches so that they could close fire hydrants that are open and wasting water during summer. FDNY says that the wrenches are expensive. George Espinal also said that there are several community-based organizations that are willing to pay for the wrenches. George asks, "How can we push this resolution though?". George was told by the chair that he has the support of our committee.

**Joselinne Minaya**, from the District Attorney's Office reported that Audrey Moore (veteran ADA) will lead (New Beat) Special Victims Unit. This combines 4 units- the Sex Crimes, Elder Abuse, Family Violence and Child Abuse Units. It was also reported that the Domestic Violence (DV) and Child Abuse Unit are now separate. Immigrant Affairs program has been successful.

It was reported that 215<sup>th</sup> & 212 Street Gang selling firearms have been arrested. The ringleader was sentenced and 3 other individuals have pleaded guilty.

George F. and Julissa G. discussed with Ms. Minaya the bikers and motorbikers on Broadway running on sidewalks at high speeds and not wearing helmets.

Ms. Minaya's response was that helmets and reflectors are the law.

Dowling- will speak to the SBA so that bikers stay within the law.

The DA's office conducts separate investigations on crimes reported, separate from the precincts'.

The most common crime reported in both precincts and to DA's office was identity theft.

There was also an arrest of a person, Victor Espinal, who posed as an immigration agent and stole thousands from immigrant victims.

In the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct there were 7 people arrested in a large-scale drug ring. All plead guilty to narcotics and firearms sales.

After the meeting ended at 8:30 pm, the committee members present remained to decide on the budget priorities. Decisions were made and submitted to the CB12 office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andria Reyes, typed by Deborah Blow

## Minutes - Traffic & Transportation Meeting –October 4, 2010

Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky Asst. Chair, Anita Barberis, James Berlin, Edith Prentiss  
Absent: Zead Ramadan, Rafael Lugo, George Preston-excused, Bd. Members attending:  
Cheryl Pahaham,

Staff: Deborah Blow

Guest: R.L. McKee, Josh Orzeck-DOT, Julio Batista-NYPH

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Rabbi Y. Kalinsky opened the meeting at 7:10pm with an introduction of the committee.

Sandra Harris of Columbia University presented the situation regarding a sign that needs to be moved 3 inches on 168<sup>th</sup> St. to accommodate a vendor site. The Committee had no problem with the request and resolved the matter with a letter to be sent to DOT confirming the Committee's approval of this request.

The Inwood-Washington Heights Livable Streets Group gave us a power point presentation concerning the need to make cycling & walking a safer activity in our community. Given the benefits of less air & noise pollution and better physical & mental health, the group recommended five specific areas to be addressed.

1. A protected bike lane, with planted barriers, along Dyckman St to connect Harlem River & Hudson River Greenways and ramp at north end from Riverside Drive to accompany existing stairs.
2. Green painted bike lanes on major cross streets i.e. 155, 165 & 181 Sts.
3. Northern extension and expansion of Hudson River Greenway path utilizing Amtrak, Broadway & Hudson bridges.
4. Extension of Croton Aqueduct from 155 St. to Dyckman
5. A safer rise and more direct path between Hudson Greenway & GW Bridge via Amtrak overpass at 171 St.

Discussion ensued with representatives of the group and the committee as to both the merits and disadvantages of the recommendations and the process we should take to ensure we have heard from all of the community. We concluded that we would like more input from the community and would hold a Public Meeting to solicit the pros and cons before any recommendation is sent to DOT at our next meeting.

DOT did state that increased bike ridership is encouraged and looks to the Community Boards for clear direction and also agreed that waiting one more month before passing a resolution on the matter would not affect the timeline of this project in any way.

The Committee ranked both Capital and Expense T&T projects and those preferences are below (actual sheets attached)::

| Capital Budget   |               | Expense Budget            |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 312200704C=1     | 312200709C=5  | MTA elevator staffing = 1 |
| 312200804C=2     | 312200712C=6  | DOT pothole crews =2      |
| 312200705C=3     | 312200703C=CS |                           |
| 312200710C=4     | 312200708C=CS |                           |
| plus last two CS |               |                           |

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anita Barberis

## HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – October 7, 2010

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Simon, Isaiah Bing, David Kach, Helen Morik, Edgard Nau, Andria Reyes, Raybblin Vargas, Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

**OTHER CB 12 MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fe Florimon.

**GUESTS:** George Gasparis, Assistant Vice President and Executive Director, Human Subjects Protection Program, Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC); Sandra Harris, Assistant Vice President, Government & Community Affairs, CUMC; Peggy Quisenberry, local resident; Cara Villanueva, Hunter College Nursing School student.

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The chair called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. All committee members were present. The meeting was held at the Columbia Center for Community Partnerships, 390 Fort Washington Ave.

- 1. Federal Violations at Columbia University Medical Center's Brain-Imaging Center** – The chair asked Mr. Gasparis to comment on the situation described in a front-page article in The New York Times of July 16, "Columbia Lab Halts Research Over Injections." The article stated that research at the nationally prominent Kreitchman Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Center was stopped "after federal investigators found that it had routinely injected mental patients with drugs that contained potentially dangerous impurities." The investigators found that the center repeatedly violated Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations over a four-year period, even after being told in December 2008, "Failure to correct these violations may result in legal action without further notice." According to the Times, the investigators cited "lax internal quality control and sloppy procedures for formulating drug injections. FDA investigators returned in January 2010 and found that many of the lab's practices had not changed, and cited a long list of specific violations, including one instance in which the staff hid impurities from auditors by falsifying documents."

S. Simon: This article raises serious questions about how CUMC conducts research involving members of the public – how did this happen?

G. Gasparis: This research covered multiple experimental studies at NYS Psychiatric Institute's (NYSPI) Department of Psychiatry. Some involved brain mapping, one involved the pancreas. The lab was responsible for producing radioligand, the radioactive component for PET scans. It attaches to the specific tissue that is the target of the scan. Routine PET scans (not part of the research studies) were fine. This procedure is being used more and more; it's an exciting development in diagnosing cancers with minimal risk. The chemical was produced at Columbia, but impurities were left in the chemical solution. It has a short half-life, only 20 minutes, so if we had relied upon the company in Fort Lee to deliver it, it wouldn't have lasted the trip over the GW Bridge. The FDA was concerned that the lab didn't have adequate quality control, that it wasn't removing the leftover residues of the chemical process. Neither the FDA nor CU found that the PET scans had more radiation than appropriate. CU suspended all activity at the lab in January.

S. Simon: Has a new director been hired?

G. Gasparis: No, not yet. There will be new staff, a new name, and a new location. We're writing new standard operating procedures. All studies with experimental radioligands are on hold.

S. Simon: How can you be sure there was no harm to patients?

G. Gasparis: We reviewed over 1300 PET scans; some people had more than one scan. A large number of people, most likely over 1,000, were involved. There was concern with one chemist in particular, who did 380 "productions," and all of his patients' records were checked. FDA asked for a sampling of the 980 other patients' records. An outside expert reviewed all the data, which was available in computer files. We reviewed blood tests, EKGs, follow-up visits, and found no harm to any patients.

H. Morik: Was there a written report?

G. Gasparis: Yes

D. Kach: Where did the contaminants come from?

G. Gasparis: They were a product of producing the chemical that holds the radioactive component.

R. Vargas: Was only one chemist involved in these studies?

G. Gasparis: There was concern about one; there were 3 or 4 in total.

A. Reyes: Was patient care affected?

G. Gasparis: No, only research.

S. Simon: Why did this problem continue for more than one year after the FDA warning?

G. Gasparis: The lab's efforts weren't adequate to resolve the issue...These are very unstable compounds.

S. Simon: Is it possible that the equipment wasn't sterile?

G. Gasparis: No, that was not the problem. The residues come from chemical reactions, and they should have been removed.

S. Simon: Did the patients come from our community and through the ER, as in the other study involving open-heart surgery patients that had to be halted after serious problems arose? [That study has been discussed at past committee meetings.]

G. Gasparis: No reason to believe that; these patients appear to have come from all classes. I've seen addresses from New Jersey, Connecticut, midtown, The Bronx, upstate ... This performance standard is not acceptable to Columbia. It is not characteristic of the work done at Columbia. The top directors (of the lab) are gone. There has been a complete cleanup of the operation. Only two individuals who were found to be very conscientious remain... We sent a letter to everyone who had a PET scan (between last Friday and this Tuesday), notifying them that their PET scans were reviewed (to determine if there were any problems). I received one call this morning from a woman with thyroid cancer who wanted to know if the PET scan could have caused that disease.

R. Vargas: Was this research corporate-funded?

G. Gasparis: Some of it was. [The Times story says the lab was testing compounds for the Eli Lilly and Novartis drug companies.]

S. Simon: Could pressure from the drug companies have caused the problem?

G. Gasparis: No, it was the product of substandard performance by the lab.

S. Simon: Were the studies reviewed by the Institutional Review Board and were patients asked to sign consent forms?

G. Gasparis: Yes, the studies went through either of 2 IRBs – one at CUMC and one at NYSPH.

R. Vargas: Will the studies continue?

G. Gasparis: There has been significant damage because they have been delayed. They may have to start over. The researchers will have a strong interest to continue because this is important research that could lead to major advances in knowledge. On the other hand, each PET scan costs \$8,000, and this may not be feasible under health care reform.

R. Vargas: Will we be notified of the next course of action?

G. Gasparis: Nothing's going to happen for awhile. Before CU opens up a new PET scan lab, there has to be a demonstration that what is produced is top quality (or else) CU won't be allowed to do any more PET scans.

F. Florimon: What has been the response to the letters sent to the patients?

G. Gasparis: When they call, we explain their rights... If they're not OK, we suggest that they be seen and evaluated by a physician.

S. Simon: So you won't know how the patients are doing until they respond to the letters?

G. Gasparis: No, these subjects have been followed by doctors for an extended period after the scan. There is a biological and scientific basis to believe they weren't harmed. If we have someone harmed, it does not serve our best interests not to have them taken care of... We want to preserve the public interest in the community and in the extended community that we serve.

P. Quisenberry: What was the socio-economic status of the patients? Some of them may have been homeless considering the fact that they were being treated for mental conditions. Is CU committed to long-term follow-up care (5-10 years)?

G. Gasparis: We'll take your point and express it to the CUMC task force working on this issue.

A. Reyes: Were the letters all in English?

G. Gasparis: Yes, I didn't want to hold them up any longer. It took a long time to agree on the final draft... I also didn't see any Spanish names on the list.

S. Simon: We would appreciate getting a copy of the letter. When a new director is hired, it would be good if he or she would come to one of our meetings to reassure us that the lab has been reorganized and is now functioning properly.

2. **Presentation on the Columbia Center for Community Partnerships** – Leigh Quarles, Program Coordinator, explained that the center, which is open daily 9-5, has two main purposes: to provide health information to the community and to disseminate information about CUMC research studies to people looking to participate in studies. Computers are available to the community. The center also coordinates a Community Supported Agriculture group with 49 members who purchase produce from a farmer in Goshen. They support a local farmer while getting 8-12 types of fresh produce every week.

S. Harris: The center promotes community-based participatory research by working with CBOs; some of them are the lead investigators and they hire CUMC staff to work on their projects. For example, the Dominican Women's Development Center obtained a grant from the NIH. Community members interview CU researchers who are the subjects of the study. The aim is to better engage the community in research. Another project, Community Health of Urban Minorities (CHUM), deals with training community health outreach workers from CBOs to monitor patients' wellness, especially patients with diabetes.

L. Quarles: We had a health information day at the Armory five years ago and hope to hold another one sometime soon.

S. Simon: CU should report back to the community on the results of research studies, maybe through a quarterly newsletter.

S. Harris: We are planning to put listings of studies on the CUMC website.

3. **New York-Presbyterian Hospital Update** – H. Morik, Vice President – Government & Community Affairs, reported that NYPH is hosting a Sustainability Conference for 150 people from other hospitals on October 12. The keynote speaker will be Jeff Immelt, president of GE. She will invite a representative from the Sustainability Committee to our next meeting on 11/4.

I.Bing: We learned from a recent DEC notice about the permits for the hospital's boilers that you're burning #6 oil, one of the worst contributors to pollution. Can you go to dual boilers? If you convert, you would cut pollution in half.

H. Morik: I'll try to get an answer. Also want to report that we held our sixth Taxi Drivers Health Fair. It went very well. Over 300 attended and received cancer screenings, eye exams, insurance info, etc. – we even provided eyeglasses to some drivers. We also have held health fairs for bodega and hair salon workers and plan to hold one for artists since they also generally don't have insurance.

S. Simon: NYPH deserves praise for organizing these health fairs for underserved segments of the community.

4. **Budget Consultations with City Agencies** – S. Simon reported on the responses received from the Department of Environmental Protection at the budget consultation on Sept. 20 to the following questions submitted by CB 12:

#### EXPENSE

1. How many inspectors are assigned to DEP's air / noise enforcement staff? A: 46
2. Has the FY 11 budget resulted in a decrease or increase? A: The number has remained the same.
3. The New York City Community Air Survey recently conducted by DOHMH shows that Washington Heights is one of the most polluted areas in the City. How many air pollution complaints did DEP receive in FY 10 from Community District 12 through 311 or otherwise? A: 148, primarily smoke from building chimneys, #6 oil problem; it's less expensive but more polluting. DEP did a survey of buildings using #6 oil, which we requested.
4. How many summonses did DEP issue as a result of these complaints? A: A lot. They will get back to us.
5. How many complaints involved apartment building boilers? A: Most of them.
6. Did they produce the most complaints? A: Yes.
7. How many summonses were issued to landlords? A: N/A, will get back to us
8. How many noise-related complaints did DEP receive in FY 10 from Community District 12 through 311 or otherwise? A: 728 in FY 10, mostly from construction, barking dogs, etc. 64 loud music complaints.
9. Where does our district rank citywide and in Manhattan with respect to noise complaints? A: No longer #1 in Manhattan.
10. How many of these complaints were caused by late-night bars and restaurants? A: Not sure, but many.
11. Which ones produced the most complaints? A: N/A, will get back to us
12. How many summonses did DEP issue as a result of these complaints? A: N/A
13. Can we get a printout from the ECB on the disposition of the summonses related to air and noise violations, showing whether fines were imposed and whether they were paid? A: Will try to get it for us.
14. Community District 12 also has a persistent problem with storeowners who flout DOT and Sanitation regulations by placing goods all over the sidewalk, interfering with pedestrians' ability to walk on the street. Can we get a printout from the ECB listing the worst violators in our district, showing whether fines were imposed and whether they were paid? A: ECB is no longer under DEP; it has been transferred to OATH. We should contact ECB directly.
15. Are fines increased for repeat violations? A: See #14.
16. We are told that ECB judges will often lower fines, even for flagrant violators. Can we call upon the judges not to reduce fines for any repeat violators in Community District 12? A: See #14.
17. Does DEP have a schedule for inspecting and removing debris from catch basins on a regular cycle? A: Yes, the regular maintenance schedule is once every three years.
18. We have a particular problem with a catch basin at the SE corner of Broadway and West 157<sup>th</sup> Street outside a subway station that is apparently clogged and creates a lake in the intersection whenever it rains. A: It will be cleaned out.
19. What is the schedule for testing the water in the CD 12 area? A: Daily samples are taken all over the city. Will get back to us on when it's done in Dist. 12.
20. What have been the results of any such tests? A: N/A, will get back to us
21. Where are the water sampling stations in our area (if there are any)? A: N/A, will get back to us
22. What brownfields have been identified in the CD 12 area? A: This issue is handled by the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation.
23. Are steps being taken to remediate these sites? A: See #21
24. Does DEP check on the condition of asbestos in school buildings? A: No, that is the responsibility of the School Construction Authority.

25. We had a serious problem again this summer with open fire hydrants. Don't we need a major public education campaign to let kids know it's dangerous to open hydrants? Do we need to give out more sprinkler caps?  
A: It's not kids who are mostly causing the problem; it's adults. We gave out 300 sprinkler caps in Board 12 area this summer.

## CAPITAL

1. We have a persistent problem with a leaking water main on Wadsworth Terrace. A: We'll look into it and get back to you.
2. Are any water mains or sewers scheduled for replacement in Community District 12 during FY 11 and in the out years?  
A: Yes, water mains and sewers will be installed on Park Terrace West and Park Terrace East, W. 214<sup>th</sup>-218<sup>th</sup> Sts., in FY 12.
3. What is the status of the filtration plant being built in The Bronx? When will it become operational? A: 2012
4. How much of the water supply in our community will be filtered through that plant? A: A small portion.
5. What is the status of the Third Water Tunnel? When will it become operational? A: Construction is on the final leg. Completion anticipated in 2013.

S. Simon: District Manager Ebenezer Smith gave him the following information from the budget consultations with the Sanitation (DSNY) and Fire Departments. DSNY stated that it has no funds to build the Sanitation garage for District 8 on the Upper East Side. It requested support for the Adopt-a-Basket program, which has been impacted by budget cuts, and for the purchase of hybrid collection trucks. The Fire Department, which includes EMS, requested support for CPR training for community people.

5. **Ranking of FY 12 Expense and Capital Budget Priorities** – The committee then discussed 11 proposed expense budget priorities (including two new ones requested by the Sanitation and Fire Departments above) and four capital budget priorities. A. Reyes objected to keeping "Increase funding for the Bureau of Pest Control" as the #1 expense priority because she said that agency uses pesticides instead of integrated pest management. The committee voted 5-4 to keep it as #1. Several changes were made in the committee's FY 11 expense list. The capital list was approved in the same order as last year.
6. **Old Business** – R. Vargas: The proposed tax on sugary beverages, supported by CB 12, was not approved by the State Legislature; however, the Mayor and Governor are now calling for a change in policy restricting the use of food stamps for these items.
7. **New Business** – R. Vargas: The state cut \$1.3 billion from the Federal Medical Assistance Program from its budget in August before the feds approved the additional funds. A campaign is now being organized to get the state to reinstate this cut. Governor Paterson is being asked to call a special session of the Legislature so this measure can be voted on. She would like CB 12 to pass a reso in support of this effort.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Simon.

## HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES - MINUTES

Oct. 7, 2010

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Juan Alonzo  
Melanie Hidalgo  
Glenda  
Alyce Smith  
Many De los Santos

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Alvarez  
Carol Mulligan

### PUBLIC MEMBER

Anthony Parson

**Opening Remarks:** H&HS meeting began on time as scheduled, 7:30 pm

Chair George Fernandez, opened the meeting by welcoming members of the committee and members of the public. Chair went to present the meetings Agenda  
Chair announced that the committee will be going out into the community to presented H&HS survey during the month of November. The survey will be use to find out more about housing and human service issues with in district 12. Further more that the instrument (survey); will allow the H&HS committee discuss the various concerns of the district at monthly meeting with the expectation of seeking resolutions to address housing and human services.

Chair went on to update committee and the public about him speaking with via phone conference with to (**Jose Caraballo**, community liaison for Palladia. Mr. Caraballo indicated proposal to operate a single Adult Shelter on 555 West 174<sup>th</sup> Street. How ever, that he has not been contacted by DHS and is on stand by. Mr. Caraballo stated that he will keep the committee abreast of the progress of proposal.

Chair went on to inform members and the public about a letter that has been drafted to be sent to, Gregory Watson Regional Director of NYS Department of Housing and Community Renewal. George explained that purpose of this forum would be to provide an arena where renters and low income owners in district 12 can come and learn about affordable housing. .

Chair went on to update on about 421-tax abatement and that Elaine **Toribio** Director of 421-a Unit for HPD is willing to come to November meeting to respond to a pool of question (10) which committee will submit in advance.

George requested the Members to submit 2 questions for the questionnaire that Ms. Elaine will come and provide answers.

Juan indicated that the Community Board 12 wanted to build a school, but instead the space is proposed to use to build a hotel at 187 St.



The chair, George asked all members to stay focuses on the meetings agenda to keep within the 3 minute rule for sake of time

Chair, George informed members that he will be going for surgery on Nonmember 4 and that Glenda the Assistant will chairing the November Meeting.

### **Public Session**

Darren Gamma, M. P. A.,  
Program Director for Volunteers of America went on to introduce himself to the committee. He provided a brief overview of the services that his agency provides

Volunteers of America are a Housing provider: provides low income housing for various populations

The Program is located at 155<sup>th</sup> St

Willing to come and provide information about the program.

Question from the Board members:

Chair asked how many apartments

Mr. Gamma 146 apartments 126 studios

25 staff

24hs security

The populations we service come from different agencies through out the 5 boroughs.

Mr. Gamma went on to say that the agency is providing case management services, e.g., making sure that the tenants go to their medical appointment and other services to that will help them maintain their quality of life.

Mr. Parson Public Member asked if Volunteers of America is providing Legal Services.

Mr. Gamma stated that the program does not provide any legal representation. We only provide mainly

Advocacy for the public. All cases are referred out.

Member Manny de los Santos arrived to the meeting. He was introduced to other members and the public.

Juan Alonso member of H&HS asked: "Can I send someone from the street and get help.

Mr. Gamma: said no, all of their referrals come from the various shelters though out the city.

Juan Alonzo: are there any services for veterans?

Mr. Gamma: no.

Manny De los Santos asked: how can we establish a more organized system so more resources can be available for the veterans?

Mr. Gamma: The veterans have to go thought the agency in charge of veteran's services.

**George asked:** asked the board members to stay in the topics that we are referring in the agenda.

George thanks Mr. Gamma for coming and provides such valuable information about Volunteers of America

Public Session closed.

### **Budget**

George introduced the budget issue and presented the list of priority presented by the Housing Committee last year (2010) as well as the list of priorities for this year. (2011) The members went on to rank the priorities according what they consider to be needed in the community. The decision was to not make certain recommendations at this time that was in the previous year. . The capital and Expense Budget was discussed and the Committee added and subtracted items from this budget. The decision was to not make certain recommendations at this time that was in the previous year. (Items were introduced 7 items for expense and 2 for capital.

### **Questionnaire**

Chair, George explained the purpose of the survey. The Survey was design to get more information about housing and human issues in the community. The survey was presented two months ago but the committee was not able to go in the community as the survey needed to be presented in the our monthly meeting as according to NYC charters opening meeting rules. Members went on to finalize survey for distribution in November.

### **Glenda took over survey session**

She indicated that by going to the community we can get them involves and they can participate with the Housing committee as well to encourage them to attend our general meetings.

Juan Alonzo: commented that with the information collected from the community the housing committee can get to learn more about the housing situations the actual situation of the community.

George asked if there were other location beside Washington Heights, Inwood and Marble Hill. The committee indicated NO

The committee discussed the questions and agreed to them.

Committee members are discussing HHS Survey for editing and made corrective changes.

**En- closing** Chair talked about working on a mental health resolution for district 12. Members are discussing Capital Budget and Expense Budget for FY2012.