

Community Board 12, Manhattan
General Meeting – September 23, 2008 – Russ Berrie Pavilion (1150 St. Nicholas Ave.)

PRESENT

Dora Maria Abreu
 Jackie Rowe Adams
 Richard Allman
 Anita Barberis
 Wayne Benjamin
 James Berlin
 Isaiah Bing
 Kotie Cannon

Emilia Cardona
 Rolando Cespedes
 George Cruz
 Ingrid Dominguez Brito
 Vivian Ducat
 George Espinal
 Ramona Gomez
 Ariel Hart

Albania Lopez Jimenez
 Mark Levine
 Elizabeth Lorris Ritter
 Glenda Swanson Massa
 Rita McKee
 Helen Morik
 Edgard Nau
 Rafael Osoria

Cheryl Pahaham
 Zead Ramadan
 Andrea Reyes
 Rolando Rodriguez
 Cleofis Sarete
 Ninoska Uribe
 Gloria Vanterpool
 Manny Velazquez

EXCUSED

Martin Collins
 Tony Lopez
 Maria Luna
 Pam Palanque North
 Ines Saldana Olesen
 Edith Prentiss
 Tammy Rivera
 Nelson Rojas
 Steve Simon

ABSENT

Jennifer Araújo
 James Freeman
 Julissa Gomez
 Carole Mulligan
 Ruddy Santana

The Chair, Manny Velazquez, **called the meeting to order** at 7:08pm; absent a quorum, he wished all a good summer and gave his report:

- DOT has completed river-to-river repaving of Dyckman Street, with pavement markings to follow. We made them come out again and do field study; they agreed their first job was terrible and they re-did it. We want to see that level of service in all of DOT's work, especially with respect to potholes, which not only are a danger, but the stench of fetid water is a serious quality-of-life issue.
- Thanked Pamela Palanque North for working on the statement of district needs over the summer. As always, housing and public safety are at the top of the list. The 14 new officers recently added to the 34th Precinct was due in part to CB12 continuing to place police resources as a high priority. Considering their resources, the 34th & 33rd Precincts have done a great job on QOL, noise and other issues throughout the board but we need more than just four PD vehicles on tours. Urged all committees to work on budget priority issues in their October meetings.
- Education also is important. Gregorio Luperón HS finally opened, and a new school will be built on Sherman Ave., but now the Department of Education is saying that the third new school that was supposed to have been added in our district will not be built.
- Recognized Francisco Guzman, who received a Coro Fellowship for leadership and development. The Coro Fellowship is a year-long, intensive, multi-disciplinary program for people who will assume future positions of leadership. He is a bright young man, and we thank him for his service.
- Regarding the atrocious conditions of our train stations, I have spoken with station supervisors and the MTA; projects that we repeatedly have requested continue to be denied. Cited examples of problems with subway service, to the general nodding of heads throughout the room.
- Also met with DSNY. They only pick up litter baskets until 3pm, which is why they overflow in the evenings. Perhaps pickups should be multiple or staggered.

7: 16 FDNY, Marty Cass, FDNY captain with the fire safety and education unit. We offer training free of charge, day or evening, 7 days a week. We bring safety information and do lectures broken down into three parts: prevention, common causes, early detection. Then we speak about having a plan: what would you do if you have a fire at home? We go into schools, helping to bring education to the home through the children. We also bring video; did you know you can get lost in your own apartment when it fills with smoke? Best place to be is on the floor; best to crawl out of your own home in the dark. Follow the walls, find the door/window. Check the door to make sure door isn't hot. We can also do street fairs, individual or group meetings; we go anywhere in the five boroughs. Gave contact info: 718-281-3870. October is fire prevention month. Don't forget to change those batteries on smoke and CO2 detectors. Although the minimum requirement is one in apt, best to put one in each room to get earliest warning (and better chance of survival) even if doors are closed. Encouraged all to share this info with friends, families, colleagues and neighbors.

With the achievement of a quorum, George Espinal made a **motion to adopt the agenda**, (7:23pm) which was seconded by Rolando Cespedes and passed by voice vote with no objection, with the following changes: move the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee report before that of the Economic Development Committee, and move the Elected Officials' and their representatives' reports to the item following the Public Speakers session. Edgard Nau made a **motion to adopt the minutes of the June meeting**, (7:24pm), which was withdrawn when it was realized that the minutes were omitted from members' folders. The item was deferred to next month's meeting.

7:24pm The Chair made a presentation of thanks to Sybil Dodson Lucas, former Board member of at least 15 years, a former Chair, Committee Chair and active participant for most of her tenure. Ms. Dodson recently retired and moved to Florida. "You brought a lot of class to our meetings, to our community board, and to our frame of thought." Mr. Velazquez presented a certificate to Ms. Dodson, to much applause. Ms. Dodson made brief remarks, including observations on activist life in her new hometown.

Ebenezer Smith gave the **District Manager's report** (7:30pm) Apologized for lack of written report, but he was too busy.

- Wished Ms. Dodson the best.
- Also met with DSNY; echoed the Chair's observations.
- Noted letter from several Council Members requesting that all boards support resolutions to decrease age from 21 to 18 for board service.
- Over 100 SAPO permits. Tried to accommodate the best we can every request. When necessary, denied or moved events to alt locations.
- Were able to clean the office and archive old files, courtesy of some youth summer volunteers. Also starting to prepare a map of all the SLA licenses, color-coded, at request of the Economic Development Committee.
- HEAT (hydrant education action team) program very successful in reducing illegal hydrant openings. Numbers way down from previous years. DEP enforcement also appears to have been more responsive.
- "Tons" of noise complaints, especially in 34th, on Dyckman Street, Amsterdam Ave., 207th St., etc. Thanked Inspector Capul for his efforts.
- Budget consultations at LaGuardia HS on October 2nd. Committee chairs should attend, or provide questions/items for enquiry and follow-up.
- Adolfo Cuevas has left CB12, having gotten a job at CUNY as a research assistant. We will miss him.

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter: budget priorities are not in my packet. A: should have been; I will check on this. Emilia Cardona: which committee will be entertaining resolution regarding reduction of age for Board service? A (Mr. Velasquez): all committees should discuss, then a resolution will be entertained by the Executive Committee.

Reports of Elected Officials (7:40pm)

NYS Assemblyman Herman "Denny" Farrell: Congratulated Ms. Dodson on her retirement, wished her well, and thanked her for her service. Nothing is happening in Albany, and there is a lot of unease and uncertainty over the recent events on Wall Street. We always start the year with somewhat of a deficit because we know there are planned expenditures which will be offset by income taxes received at year's end from bonuses, but this year there will be no (or significantly fewer) such bonuses, and therefore significantly less income-tax revenue. This year, we are losing real money in lost taxes because of the crisis in the economy. In 1992 we had to cut education, and that hurt. We don't want to have to do that again. We are going to try to put in a millionaires' tax, because to take \$2 billion out of education, healthcare, housing, and other programs is just wrong. As chair of Ways & Means, I read a lot of numbers and lately I've been doing a lot of crying. In closing, he spoke about traffic safety, particularly with respect to motorcycle accidents on the Henry Hudson Parkway.

Public Speakers' Session (7:51pm)

William Stanford, a/k/a "Mr. X": Gave an incomprehensible tirade on conditions in the subway, related tangentially to enforcement issues.

Lixian Hantover, Citizens Committee for NYC: Grant deadline, \$3k for community improvement projects. Gave a shout-out to Mr. Espinal and Friends of Payson Avenue, a previous recipient. Don't need to be 501(c)(3) to apply. The Citizens Committee also has a grants program for schools beautification. Applications are easy; deadline is September 30th.

Cathy Chambers, NYC Council on the Environment / NYC Greenmarkets: been before CB12 many times for other Greenmarkets; pleasure to be back. Contacted several months ago by citizens living around Bennett Park who wanted a greenmarket. Looked at many locations, identified W.185th Street between Pinehurst & Fort Washington Ave. as the most viable location. The market would be once a week, either Sunday or Friday depending on if they can get a truck from the towing impound unit. Helen Morik: why truck? A: Street is wide enough for a market, but only if there are no cars parked on it. Ms. Lorris Ritter: are there sanitation issues? Rats? A: We are an environmental group; we clean up after ourselves; DSNY checks the area out after each set-up. Mark Levine: what other areas did you look at; why this location? A: great foot traffic, little car traffic; not a big transportation loss if the street is closed for the day due to ease of access via 187th and 183rd Streets; no building facing on the street other than synagogue. Rita McKee: what about Margaret Corbin Circle? A: It is a bus layover. Also, there is not enough natural foot traffic other than as a destination and changeover.

Marissa Panzani, community resident: In the interests of time, she was given six minutes to speak on behalf of about 15 people who came to the meeting to speak on behalf of a Greenmarket on West 185th Street. Presented a petition for a market in Bennett Park with almost a thousand signatures back in February, and has been working with the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee, the NYC Council on the Environment and the Parks Department. Also 32 supportive e-mails and 45 signatures on a second petition begun just a few days ago in support of a Greenmarket just north of the park, on 185th Street as is currently proposed. Addressed the issue of parking loss; we do this all the time for film shoots, and the community gets nothing out of it. This would give us fresh, locally grown produce. Inwood is not geographically accessible on foot. The only other market in the neighborhood is 175th Street; we can't get there before work, and it closes early. Mr. Levine: some people have suggested the PS/IS187 schoolyard; why wouldn't that work? A: Greenmarket does this all over the city; they must have a location that has existing foot traffic to support the market. A (Ms. Chambers): half of all greenmarket sales are people just walking by; if the market is not successful, farmers won't come back. Ms. McKee: what about our local stores? A: if you look at other markets throughout the city, they typically are surrounded by other businesses. Greenmarkets are good for businesses. Kotie Cannon: is there any other residential building near the site? A (Ms. Chambers): there is a residential building that fronts on Pinehurst Avenue, and has windows overlooking the street. Maria Luna: great idea, but as a Catholic, I don't go shopping on Sunday, and I am offended that there would be a Sunday market. Glenda Swanson Massa: how many vendors? Have they expressed their support? A (Ms. Chambers): 8-10. Many have been approached in the Inwood market if they would come to another site, and they have said "yes".

Pat Young, community resident: opposed to greenmarket. It should be in commercial area. We will lose QOL; trucks might break tree limbs. Extra garbage will be in corner baskets. Loss of 19 spaces will result in double parking. We should do this on 181st Street and teach immigrants about how to use root vegetables such as turnips. Supports a greenmarket in the PS/IS187 schoolyard. Also cited problems with having the market during the winter. *<Speaker was unaware that this would be a seasonal market.>*

Carol Dunn, community resident: lives on the corner of 185th St. & Pinehurst Ave.; her windows overlook where the proposed Greenmarket would go. Raised QOL/issue, noise. Great idea as long as everyone is in agreement. There's already one in 175th in the commercial area, and in Inwood on a street with no residential buildings at all. Does not support it in Bennett Park, as it would take away recreational space. I moved up here for peace and quiet. I have a lot of noise from helicopters and airplanes, so Sunday is a day of quiet, and no noise on my street. I don't want this under my window. Someone else should have it under their window.

Howard Marder, community resident: we have a plague of rats in Bennett Park, and having a source of food for the rats is a terrible idea. We have children and seniors, and we don't need more rats. The Greenmarket will take business away from tax-paying businesses on 187th and 181st street that have been there to serve us. Greenmarkets are chic and trendy, and we don't need them.

Rolando Rodriguez, Mirabal Sisters Cultural & Community Center: Announced upcoming workshops (October 10th & 11th) at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on the housing crisis facing the neighborhood. NMIC and other CBOs are sponsoring. Distributed a flyer.

Deborah Walker, Transit Justice Team: we're a bunch of neighbors who got together to look at various conditions on the "1" and "A" trains. Went on a walk-through with the MTA. Announced upcoming meeting. Contact info: transitjustice@gmail.com, 212-543-3456. Wayne Benjamin: are you looking at a broad array of trains? A: A and 1 from 125th Street up. Mr. Levine: Traffic & Transportation Committee is working with this group.

Continuation of Reports of Elected Officials (8:23pm)

NYC Councilman Robert Jackson: encouraged voter registration; last date to register is October 10th. Introduced Abigail Cole, new community liaison. Spoke about lobbying and trying to go to Washington to advocate for housing, education and other issues, but it's all taking a back seat to the crisis on Wall Street: half-billion cut this FY, and another billion after that. This is huge. We expect to be \$5 billion in the red in FY'10. A couple of legislative points: next stated meeting 10/4, introducing a bill with Councilman Martinez and others regarding mediation for commercial lease renewals – mediation, then binding arbitration. Landlords will fight this, but the bottom line is that there are many stores that have been vacant for months, but they want huge increases that owners can't afford, and then it goes vacant. Ruth Messinger introduced similar legislation 20 years ago, and it didn't get out of committee. This year small businesses have been successful in getting it introduced because it's an election year, and it is unwise to not be supportive of small businesses which are so important to the local economy. Also spoke regarding proactive education legislation, but primary focus right now is devastating impact on economy. Ms. McKee: will term limits be on the ballot? A: No. Oliver Koppell is putting forward a bill, and another colleague from Queens is proposing a bill requiring a referendum. If the Mayor is OK with extending term limits, it probably will enjoy a majority, but if the Mayor opposes it, there's not enough support for an override. For the record, I would vote for extension. I was never in favor of term limits, am not in favor of them now; I was not in favor of them when my predecessor was in office for many consecutive terms.

NYC Councilman Miguel Martinez: (8:30pm) echoed Mr. Jackson's comments regarding the budget crisis. Spoke about the \$400 tax rebate, which benefits districts in the boroughs with houses, to the detriment of districts such as his, where the cuts in services get implemented. It is a completely inequitable distribution of resources the wrong way. Spoke about City Planning having moved away from Sherman Creek rezoning. Development of affordable housing is not feasible at this point, because the City doesn't own land. Would like instead to open up parks along waterfront. Land Use or Traffic & Transportation Committees will have to look at traffic patterns and road usage, to see what impacts there would be. Also spoke about 181st Street walk-through, and implementing bus lanes while we are studying the area to see about longer-term solutions. Also spoke about enforcement needs with regard to weekend flea markets and illegal vending along Dyckman, 207th and 181st Streets. Need enforcement, and also to have the Economic Development Committee look at efficiency of the 175th Street market. Hopes also to work with State partners to try to improve this situation. I don't want this to turn into El Conde in the Dominican Republic, where you can't even walk for all the vendors. Finally, it's tree planting season. If you know of any empty tree pits, or other areas that could use tree planting, please call my office, and the Board. Also, published a new brochure on tenants' rights. Mr. Benjamin: re Sherman Creek/Dyckman land use, EDC and City Planning will be coming back with another design to LU next month. Hopefully we also will be seeing some movement on the GWB redevelopment. Ms. McKee: so affordable housing is off the table? A: there's no city-owned property there, and there is no formula to guarantee that if there were a re-zoning that it would be developed as affordable, so there's no impetus to rezone to residential.

NYS Senator Bill Perkins: (8:39pm) Spoke about the current economic crisis; Governor had a recent session to map out budget cuts, and this was before the recent events on Wall Street, which provides about 20% of the State's budget. He suggested that we all continue to keep ourselves informed, as well as providing feedback as to how these matters should be addressed at the State level. Empire State Development Corp has been presiding over eminent domain. I am the ranking member, and when the Democrats take over, I will be chair of committee with oversight of quasi-governmental authorities and commissions. They disrespect the community by inviting the community to testify, but then don't show up to the hearings. Effectively what they told the people is to talk into the tape recorder because that's how much they care. They should be required to be present. Concluded by talking about school governance and Mayoral control of schools. I will be having hearings; invited people to testify; having it downtown, not in Albany. Call office, ask Cordell Clare in my office for exact dates in October. 212-222-7315.

Reports of Elected Officials' Representatives (8:49pm)

Jaritzta Taveras for Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer (8:49): Reception for all Manhattan CB members on October 2nd at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Spoke about GoGreen, an initiative launched in East Harlem; now similar efforts in WaHl and the Lower East Side. Separate subcommittees for Public Health, Transportation, Green Buildings, Sustainable Businesses, Greenmarkets & Healthy Eating, and Parks & Open Spaces. Over 180 people involved in the effort, including many fellow CB members and activists throughout the community. Also encouraged all to sign postcard supporting a citywide "ABC" initiative for schools: "A Better Capital plan" for more capital funding for schools statewide.

Siemon Bannister for Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum (8:53pm): spent the morning of the first day of school in schools. What was evident was that they are all dealing with serious issues of overcrowding. Our office was commissioned by the Council Speaker to do a series of hearings on school governance; we released a report which also is available on-line at www.pubadvocate.nyc.gov. We also have started a blog, giving the public direct access to our ears, so we can be more effective advocates. Also have put together an immigrants' rights guide. If you are involved in organization that deal with these issues, please contact me for these pamphlets. 212-669-8390 (direct line).

Yuvi Rivera for NYS Senator Eric Schneiderman (8:57pm): new constituent services coordinator; announced upcoming event.

Rafael Escaño for NYC Comptroller Bill Thompson: (8:58pm) referred to written report. Thanked all for their service, especially Ms. Dodson.

Committee Reports (please note in addition to Committee minutes) (9:00pm):

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter for Parks & Cultural Affairs: Presented resolution in support of a Greenmarket on West 185th Street between Pinehurst and Fort Washington Avenues. Petition presented in February signed by almost a thousand people to have a farmers' market in Bennett Park. The small size of the park would not support the market without negatively impacting recreational areas; moreover it is physically challenging to load trucks in and out of the park due to location of stairs, curbs, lampposts and historical paving. Also provided a bit of history regarding the market on 155th Street and then on 167th Street, which enjoyed community support but ultimately failed after two seasons because of insufficient foot traffic. Noted other proposed sites, such as the PS/IS 187 schoolyard, which does not have sufficient foot traffic, and Margaret Corbin Circle which is a bus layover and traffic thoroughfare. Noted that Greenmarket is an environmental program with a good track record of cleaning up after itself, low noise, respect for trees and the environment. Greenmarket vendors take their trash with them, they do not use DSNY street containers, so there would be no food supply left behind for rats or other pests. According to studies by CENYC, the economic impact to

neighboring stores in other areas with Greenmarkets is positive; it tends to increase shopping overall, rather than biting competitively into a limited market. It was noted that this would be a seasonal market, from mid-June to mid-November. The day could be Sunday or Friday. Ms. Morik voiced concerns over parking, tow trucks, violation of the Christian Sabbath and foot traffic, asking that the site be reconsidered as this is a residential area. Ariel Hart noted that a Sunday or Friday market would be beneficial for the large population of observant Jews who are prohibited from shopping on Saturdays, and that the 185th Street location would be accessible to people on upper Fort Washington as well as those nearer to 181st Street and in the blocks east of Fort Washington Avenue because of the subway elevator. Ms. Morik's amendment to change the Greenmarket date to Friday was accepted as friendly. Her amendment to move the venue to the PS/IS 187 schoolyard was not accepted as friendly. Before it received a second and moved to a vote, Ms. Cardona moved to table the motion and refer it back to the Committee for further research on alternative venues and mitigation of potential negative operational impacts; Jim Berlin seconded; there was no objection. Ms. Lorris Ritter announced several upcoming parks/cultural events, including the Medieval Festival on Sunday September 28th, and encouraged all to review the Committee's for updates on the Lily Brown Playground, the Dyckman Marina & Café RFPs and the capital project in Fort Washington Park through PlaNYC. Next meeting will include presentation by PANYNJ on its project in Fort Washington Park, and ranking of budget priorities for Parks and Cultural Affairs.

Zead Ramadan Tony Lopez for Economic Development (9:26pm): had a meeting w/ SLA. We asked them tough questions, including why do they grant licenses when CBs have issued resolutions strongly opposing them? "They said, and I quote, 'It's a dysfunctional organization. We have two people locked in a room reviewing the entire district, including all of NYC.' It was appalling." Mr. Ramadan gave some corrections to the minutes regarding the vote tallies and handed out corrected minutes. Ms. McKee: there was no public notice of the agenda for the Economic Development Committee meeting; so was public notice given? A: It was in Manhattan Times for this meeting, but not in time for the Committee meeting. Ms. McKee: Also, minutes don't contain much information on establishments applying for SLA licenses, especially on the applications for new licenses: what else is in the areas; what will the place look like. We don't have enough information to decide on some of these. Ms. Cardona called the question; there were multiple seconds and no objection.

The roll call votes for the Economic Development Committee resolutions were as follows:

- #1 offering NO OBJECTION to SLA renewal On-premises Liquor license for Floridita Restaurant Uptown passed 31-0-1-0.
- #2 offering NO OBJECTION to SLA renewal On-premises Liquor license for Coogan's passed unanimously (32 votes).
- #3 offering NO OBJECTION to SLA renewal On-premises Liquor license for Hispaniola passed 28-4-0-0.
- #4 offering NO OBJECTION to SLA renewal On-premises Liquor license for A&W Lounge d/b/a Skyline Café passed 31-0-1-0.
- #5 offering NO OBJECTION to SLA renewal On-premises Liquor license for Dallas BBQ passed unanimously (32 votes).
- #6 offering NO OBJECTION to SLA renewal of Restaurant Wine license for MVFJ Inc. d/b/a Mery Restaurant passed 31-0-1-0.
- #7 offering NO OBJECTION to SLA renewal Eating Place Beer license for Pete Coffee Shop passed 31-0-1-0.
- #8 offering NO OBJECTION to SLA renewal Grocery Beer/Wine license for Reem Deli Grocery passed 31-0-1-0.
- #9 offering NO OBJECTION to new SLA On-premises Liquor license for Vibe Lounge passed 29-3-0-0.
- #10 OBJECTING to new SLA On-premises Liquor license for Macao Restaurant & Lounge passed 30-0-2-0.
- #11 offering NO OBJECTION to new SLA On-premises Liquor license for Eskina 214 passed 28-3-1-0.
- #12 OBJECTING to new SLA Restaurant Wine license for WH Seafood Restaurant d/b/a Coral passed 30-0-2-0.
- #13 offering NO OBJECTION to new SLA Restaurant Wine license for La Minita Restaurant passed 29-2-1-0.
- #14 OBJECTING to new SLA Grocery Beer/Wine license for G&C Grocery passed 31-0-1-0.
- #15 OBJECTING to new SLA Liquor Store license for Lucrecia Santana passed 31-0-1-0.
- #16 offering NO OBJECTION to TLC license renewal for First Class Car & Limousine passed 30-0-2-0.

Mark Levine for Traffic & Transportation: (9:55pm) Noted that there is a proposal to connect the Harlem River portion of the Greenway with the Hudson River portion; more to be reported at a later date. A resolution in support of angle parking on the south side of Dyckman Street between Staff Street and the Henry Hudson Parkway, and calling upon DOT to study same, passed unanimously (28 votes) with no discussion.

Wayne Benjamin for Land Use: (10:01pm) Refer to minutes. Noted continued work on Audubon Avenue study and a survey related to rezoning alternatives there; encouraged all Board members to complete the survey.

Cheryl Pahaham for Housing & Human Services: (10:03pm) Referred to minutes. Minutes of meeting regarding proposed development at 99 Fort Washington Ave. to be distributed soon. Planning a housing forum Monday October 20th at 7pm at Luperón HS.

George Espinal for Youth & Education: (10:05pm) See minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08; motion by Jackie Rowe Adams; multiple seconds.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter (Secretary) with assistance of Kotle Cannon (Assistant Secretary) and Helen Morik.

**Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2008**

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

James Berlin
Ruddy Santana
Tamara Rivera

Board Members

Richard Allman

Staffer: Deborah Blow

Guests: John Ronan-Walter T. Gorman-PE,PC, A. Ramirez, Dario Quinsac

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin welcomed the committee members present back from summer break. He advised that the presentation to be given by EDC on the Sherman Creek waterfront design and the Public Hearing for the BSA application submitted for the West 155th Street Mobile Station are each postponed until October. The EDC representative called to reschedule the Sherman Creek presentation. BSA incorrectly advised CB12-M that the Mobile Station Street application was withdrawn; when the error was corrected there was insufficient time to issue public notice in time for a public hearing on September 3rd.
3. John Ronan of Walter Gorman, PE, representing the West 155 Street Mobile Station attended the meeting and offered to provide the Land Use Committee ("LU" or the Committee") with an overview of the application submitted to BSA. Mr. Ronan indicated that Exxon/Mobil merger that occurred several years ago left administrative matters for many stations neglected. The zoning variance granted by the BSA for the West 155th Street Mobile Station expired about 10 years ago; an application to renew the variance was not filed. If an application to renew an expired BSA variance is not filed within two years it is considered lapsed and a new application must be filed. Mr. Ronan also noted that Mobile is the tenant at the subject site which is owned by Mildel Property Associates, LLC, no work is currently proposed at the site and that over the past 10 years the only work that has occurred at the site is the clean-up of reported spills and the replacement of 12 old oil tanks with five new tanks that have the same capacity as the 12 old tanks. The Committee was also advised that BSA has scheduled its hearing for the application for October 7th. While this date is subsequent to the rescheduled Public Hearing that will be part of the agenda for the October 1, LU meeting it is prior to the October 28, 2008 General Meeting. The Committee agreed to ask the District Manager to contact BSA and request that it reschedule its hearing until after the October meeting, in particular since the

September Public Hearing was rescheduled due to miscommunication on the part of BSA.

4. The Committee reviewed and approved the CB12-M Board Survey for the Audubon Avenue Zoning study. The survey will be distributed to board members at the September 23, 2008 General Meeting.
5. The Committee discussed bringing resolutions to the Board to continue to implement various recommendations in the Planning Study undertaken with City College Architecture, in particular those pertaining to contextual zoning and historic district designation. It was agreed that the Land Use Chair would draft an initial resolution for the Committee to review in October. (Note: subsequent to the 9/3 LU meeting a representative of the Landmarks Preservation commission contacted Mr. Benjamin to advise the LPC is interesting in considering the Audubon Park Historic District proposal that was submitted to it by community residents with CB12-M support in 2003).
6. The Committee also informally discussed economic development, traffic and related matters pertaining to the proposed redevelopment of the George Washington Bridge terminal and agreed that CB 12-M should be brought up-to-date on the status of the project.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Wayne A. Benjamin

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES - MINUTES

September 4, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cheryl Pahaham, Chair
Glenda Swanson-Massa, Asst. Chair
Carole Mulligan
Rolando Rodriguez
Kotie Canon

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Staff Member Present:

Guests: Katyusca Abreu (Neighborhood Trust Federal Credit Union), Ralph Beck, Resident; Mariel Clark, Resident; Anthony Parson, Resident.

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Chairperson Cheryl Pahaham convened the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Two Columbia University journalism students inquired about the committee agenda, and asked questions on the 99 Fort Washington Avenue development proposal and Food Stamps. Cheryl Pahaham could not respond to the detailed 99 Fort Washington Avenue questions because she had no information, but commented that with the district's double-digit poverty rate and very high rent burden in low income households, more of the CD 12 households should be receiving Food Stamps. Kotie Canon remarked that Food Stamps eligibility standards did not take rent burdens into account. Cheryl Pahaham responded that the eligibility standards should be modified so that more CD 12 households could receive these benefits. Cheryl Pahaham encouraged the students to attend the September 17th and October 2nd committee meetings, at which these issues would be addressed.

Ralph Beck, a resident of 156th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam, complained about the unaddressed noise and drug trafficking right in front of his building, all day and night. Kotie Canon suggested that he contact HPD for assistance. Carole Mulligan commented that crime around Mr. Beck's area was most severe in the 1980s, and that she has noticed a tremendous increase in drug traffic in Inwood, east of Broadway. Mr. Beck described how dealers worked in shifts, from 7 AM to 3 PM; 3 PM to 11 PM; and 11 PM to 7 AM. He also stated that he had seen dealers give children money to look out for cops coming into the area and that he does not feel safe allowing his children in front of his residence. Cheryl Pahaham suggested that he go to the September 24 precinct meeting and participate in the committee's housing forum, planned for October 20th, where he could speak about issues of housing and safety.

Cheryl Pahaham noted that the committee had met twice over the summer to plan an agenda for the committee's 2008-2009 meetings and to begin planning for the committee's October 20th community housing forum, and was hosting another forum planning meeting on September 10th, as well as a special meeting on 99 Fort Washington Avenue on September 17th. She stated that this current meeting should be brief.

Attendees briefly discussed potential topics for other meetings. Glenda Swanson-Massa suggested that the committee co-sponsor, with community housing organizers, a training to teach tenants how to form a tenants association. Mr. Beck suggested working toward the development of cooperative twenty-four hour daycare in different residential buildings. These suggestions were noted by the chairperson. The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Pahaham, September 15, 2008

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – September 4, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon, Edgard Nau, Andria Reyes.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Allman, Obie Bing (excused), Martin Collins, Helen Morik (excused).

PUBLIC MEMBER: Beatrice Hall

STAFF: Deborah Blow

GUESTS: Gail Acevedo, Guillermo Acevedo, Robert Wendel, Elizabeth Safran, Isaac Evans-Frantz, Susan DeVries, Corinne Ramey, Nahn Tseng, Rhiannon Coppin, Osi Kaminer, Dana Windsor, Migdalia Quinones.

1. S. Simon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m., apologized for the lack of a quorum and welcomed two new committee members.
2. **Presentation by Isaac Evans-Frantz, Northern Manhattan Climate Justice Coalition** – He is a volunteer with Oxfam America, anti-hunger organization, and is requesting that the board sign a joint letter with several community leaders calling for the US government "to take concrete legislative action" to address the impacts of climate change on "the world's poorest and most vulnerable people." The letter would be presented to Congressman Rangel, among others. The speaker made the following points: the U.S. creates 23.3% of the carbon emissions in the world and is the leading contributor to the problem of global warming. Less developed countries, including the Dominican Republic, are affected the most. The frequency of hurricanes and other natural disasters has doubled in the last decade, and they are getting more serious. Every dollar we spend now to deal with climate change would save us between \$4-10 on what we would have to spend at a later time. We should use revenue generated from climate policies, such as auctioning of greenhouse gas emission permits, to subsidize "the adaptation needs of poor people and impoverished countries," such as building higher walls, planning for evacuations and building irrigation systems for dry lands. The House Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Rep. Rangel, will be holding hearings on this issue shortly. A Senate bill calls for 5% of revenue from sales of permits to carbon dioxide polluters going for international relief; the rest would be used domestically for low-income energy consumers. The only pollution permits now being sold are for sulfur dioxide emissions. Simon: because of the lack of a quorum, this item will have to be tabled until our next meeting.
3. **Update on Con Edison's M29 Transmission Line Project** – Mayra Linares, Community Liaison: Inwood segment of project is moving quickly; 2/3 of trenching in the streets completed; all work done on 9th Avenue, across 219th Street and down to 212th Street. Pipe has been installed, and paving has been done. Trenches are dug 600 feet at a time, generally in the middle of the street; takes 4-6 weeks at each location. Two schools at 219-220 Streets were a big concern; finished working there before school began. Have started on W. 204th Street between Broadway & Nagle Ave. As board requested, have hired two uniformed traffic control officers who work 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Now excavating tunnel to the Bronx at 9th Ave. & Broadway on NY-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) property. Obtained NYPH's consent by agreeing to exchange property near where tunnel is being dug. Work also being done at substation site: below-grade electricity, cementing foundation. After trenching completed, another 3-4 months is needed for installation of the cable, which is pulled from manhole to manhole. This work is done at night so it shouldn't disturb any traffic.

Hall: didn't see any traffic officers at 215th Street.

Linares: they were supposed to be there; she will check.

Kaminer: when Con Edison did a project on the Lower East Side, they gave back something to the community, a block greening program, but it wasn't done here in regard to the M29 project.

DeVries, Director, Dyckman Farmhouse : work outside the building started much earlier than you previously stated. Concerned that work could cause damage to building, a national historic landmark. Requested copies of any studies that were done concluding that M29 project would have no impact on historical resources.

Linares: trying to get something technical to give to you. No studies were done; conclusion that there would be no damage to building was based on the fact that excavation work would be far enough away.

Simon, after stating that he has dual concern for Dyckman Farmhouse since he works for the Parks Department: will Con Ed pay for any damage?

Linares: anyone can put in a claim for any damage to any building; it will be investigated, and if anything was damaged, it will be taken care of.

Tseng, architectural conservator, Historic House Trust: concerned that jackhammering, as well as trucks passing over metal plates covering trench, could cause vibrations and loosen plaster in house.

Linares: will look into whether vibration studies were done. Excavation will only take 3-5 days at any location.

Simon: DeVries should be introduced to construction superintendent in case any problems develop.

Linares: OK. Also, Con Ed is supportive of local schools, helping with science programs, and is using local businesses.

4. Old Business – Simon reported on the following:

- Fire Department has decided not to pursue idea of placing an EMS Base Station on W. 167th Street between Amsterdam and Edgecombe Avenues.
- The Health Department has not issued any permits yet for Green Carts. The plan is to issue 500 permits this year for various communities, including Washington Heights-Inwood.
- He spoke to Helen Morik and obtained some statistics concerning the retention of patients who used the now-closed NYPH Ambulatory Care Network site on Nagle Avenue. The stats suggest that 35% of those patients may no longer be using the ACN. They will have a follow-up conversation to clarify the statistics and to see whether there are similar stats for patients displaced from the Farrell site.

5. New Business – Several residents of condo at 467 W. 163rd St. spoke about receive noise problems in neighborhood. Repeated calls to 311 and 33rd Precinct brought no satisfaction. They complained about an employees party with a DJ held in the parking lot behind the Edgecombe Correctional Facility, an outdoor revival meeting held by a church and a loud party at 2083 Amsterdam Ave. that went on for 12 hours. An extended discussion ensued concerning how to deal with noise problems. Simon promised to help residents set up meeting with Deputy Inspector Dowling of the 33rd Precinct.

6. General Discussion on Future Committee Activities – This item was tabled because of the lack of a quorum and lateness of the hour.

7. Mail was reviewed.

8. Next Meeting -- Thursday, October 2. (It was later determined that meeting would have to be rescheduled because of conflict with Borough President's reception for Council Members that night.)

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

Respectfully submitted, Steve Simon

YOUTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE – MINUTES

September 8, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Albania Jimenez, Chair

Jackie Rowe Adams

George Espinal

Maria Luna

Carol Mulligan

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Staff Member Present: Paola Garcia

Guests: D.B. Dessaure, Project Coordinator – Literacy, Inc.; Rhiannon Coppin, Journalism Student – Columbia University; Leslie Barrie, Journalism Student – Columbia University; Judith Rodriguez – NYPL / Inwood Library.

Ms. Lopez, Chair opened meeting at 7:10pm.

Ms. Lopez hoped everyone had a great summer and thanked Mr. Espinal, former Assistant Chair of the Committee for his great commitment. In charing the past committee meetings.

Ms. Deborah Dessaure, Project Coordinator, LINC; Literacy Inc.

Discussed the history on LINC and it's past accomplishments.

LINC works in Low-Income communities to bring local resources together in teams; community literacy networks – to plan and implement early literacy activities including reading partner programs and community literacy events.

LINC offers a variety of activities, events and programming to engage children to read as well to get them to read independently.

LINC also works to get parents involved and let them know they have a voice in their child's education.

District 6 partners with LINC:

1. P.S 178
2. P.S. /I.S. 18
3. George Washington High school
4. M.S. 293 City College Academy of Arts
5. Washington Heights Academy

Carol Mulligan suggested having seniors adopt a child to read to. She mentioned that there are an abundance of seniors to participate and read to the children.

Recap (Jan 08 - June 08):

- I.S. 143 Annex Health & Public Issues
- SCA Construction – Washington Heights Academy
- Operation Exodus wants to open new charter school
- City College Academy of Arts Space allocation

- \$8 Million worth of after school programs in District 6 DYCD funded

Ms. Judith Rodriguez, NYLP Inwood

- English as a second language classes, Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8:30pm. Last day of registration is September 11, 2008
- Companionship Program, only one in the city. Volunteers provided by New York Cares.
- A new location for teenagers to hangout soon to be equipped with lap tops, chairs and tables.

Motion to adjourn by George Espinal

Motioned seconded by Jackie Rowe Adams

Respectfully submitted by George Espinal, Typed by Paola Garcia.

Committee Members Present: Zead Ramadan, Chair; Tony Lopez, Edith Prentiss, Ruddy Santana, Julissa Gomez.

Committee Members Absent: Rafael Osoria

Board Members Present: Carol Mulligan, Emilia Cardona.

Members of the Public Present: Timothy Prickett Murlow, Damian Rodriguez, Graham Winfrey, Michael Santos, Alex Castex-Porter, Raquel Pena, Yomaris Ventura, Arianna Suarez, Gustavo Garrido, Alberto Juarez, Juan Rosolpio, Edgar Gomez, Roslan Ochora, Freddy Jiminian, Gino Hernandez, Anthony Segura, Kelvin Crucey, PO Tony Trniudad, Sonia Vega, Dominga Tyson, William Segura, Wilson Reynoso, Ralph Ceraswoko, Rhiannon Coppin, Lucrecia Santana, Damian Rodriguez.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.

TLC RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

1. First Class Car & Limousine, Inc. – 4980 Broadway, (bet. 211th and 212th St.)

*We started with First Class. They presented their certificate valid from 8/8/2007 to 8/7/2009
License#B01536*

EDC 5-0-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 5-0-0

Peter Person from SLA came to speak to our committee. He will also answer our questions.

Zone 1 – 5 Boroughs, Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk County

Zone 2 – Albany area

35 People 15 Investigators

Question #1 Director of Licensing – Kerri O'Brien

Full Board Issue(every other week) – Chairman and 2 Commissioners

Webcast – www.nyssla.gov

Accessibility is not considered in licensing. (to the best of his knowledge)

DOB currently does inspections for enforcement.

When premise has safety issues or nuisance matters the Full Board will issue summary suspension. Establishment will file Article 78 (to vacate above) the process has loop holes and can be long.

Signage on window, notification to CB – Certain things are missed. On renewals, counsel office will fine - \$500

Communication - criteria can be sent

Approvals received before we meet as board – they don't have aschedule of CB meetings.

CB 12 is not requires to post about liquor licenses. Unless listed in our By-laws (newspaper clipping should be included with applications)

SLA RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

SLA On-Premises Liquor License:

2. Floridita Restaurant Uptown Inc. – 4162 Broadway, (bet. 176th and 177th St.)

Has been there for 2 years. No issues!! Accessibility issues exist inside. There is a ramp to enter. They will consider in renovations.

EDC 5-0-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 3-0-0

3. 600 West 169th Restaurant Inc. dba Coogans – 4015 Broadway, (bet. 168th and 169th St.)

No Issues. last week.

EDC 5-0-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 5-0-0

4. El Generalisimo Restaurant Inc. dba La Hispaniola – 839 W. 181st Street, (bet. Cabrini Blvd and Pinehurst Ave.) *No Issues.*

EDC 4-1-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 5-0-0

5. A&W Lounge Café dba Skyline Café – 3847 10th Avenue, (bet. 205th and 206th St.) *No Issues.*

EDC 5-0-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 2-0-0

6. Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ – 3956 Broadway, (bet. 165th and 166th St.)

EDC 5-0-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 3-0-0

SLA Restaurant Wine License:

7. MVFJ Inc. dba Mery Restaurant – 231 Sherman Avenue, (at corner of W. 207th St.)

EDC 4-1-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 2-0-0

SLA Eating Place Beer License:

8. KYL Inc. dba Pete Coffee Shop – 736 W. 181st Street, (bet. Ft. Washington and Magaw Pl.)

EDC 0-1-4, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 0-0-0

SLA Grocery Beer/Wine Product License:

9. Reem Deli Grocery Inc. – 2090 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. 163rd and 164th St.)

EDC 4-0-1, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 2-0-0

SLA NEW APPLICATIONS:

SLA On-Premises Liquor License:

1. Vibe Lounge, LLC - 203 Audubon Avenue, (bet. 175th and 176th St.)

No Issues from Police Department.

EDC 5-0-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 2-0-0

2. Macao Restaurant & Lounge - 431 W. 218th Street, (bet. 9th and 10th Avenue.)

Timothy not present.

EDC 0-5-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 0-2-1

3. Eskina 214, Corp. – 501 W. 214th Street, (at corner of 10th Ave.)

French doors and windows will be installed. No live music, no jukebox, no DJ. Currently owner of O'Lounge. Wants to get out of lounge business. Will sell tapas. R60 sound proofing is installed (only R30 is required) hours of operation: 4pm-1am S-S capacity is under 74; menu should be done by General Meeting.

EDC 5-0-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 2-1-1

SLA Restaurant Wine License:

4. WH Seafood Restaurant Inc. dba Coral – 104 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Nagle Ave.)
Not present.

EDC 0-2-3, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 0-0-1

5. La Minita Restaurant Inc. – 3855 10th Avenue, (bet. 206th and 207th St.)
*Bought 3 months ago; hours 6:30am – 10pm, 6:30am – 12am Fri-Sat
13 seats; 3 employees, 500 Square feet.*

SLA Grocery Beer/Wine Product:

6. G&C Grocery Inc. – 184 Audubon Ave, (bet. 174th and 175th St.)
Not Present

EDC 0-2-3, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 1-0-0

SLA Liquor Store License:

7. Lucrecia Santana – 101 Sherman Avenue, (bet. 211th and 212th St.)

EDC 0-5-0, CBM 0-0-0, PUBLIC 0-2-2

NEW Business

*SLA is requiring a letter for La Parilla. Statement of Approval is required. We already approved.
Method of operation is not the same as original application.*

Meeting adjourn at 9:50pm

PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES –September 2, 2008

Committee Members Present: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair; Emilia Cardona
Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Araujo; Ariel Hart

GUESTS: Tracey Eberhart, Harlem River Community Rowing; Alex Castex-Porter; Yekaterina Gluzberg, Partnership for Parks; Cathy Chambers, Greenmarket; Jerry Culligan; Carol Blackman, 1380 Riverside Tenants Association; Angel Candles; Michel Pyles; Andrew Engelhand; Joe Wojak and Joseph Butasek, Inwood Canoe Club; Graham Winfrey, Columbia School of Journalism; Daniel Mercado, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Lorris Ritter at 7:30pm.

Announcements and updates:

- Francisco Guzman, who recently received a Coro Fellowship, has resigned from the Board due to his new obligations. We congratulate him, and will miss him on the Board and in this Committee.
- No news yet on Fort Washington Park: hopefully there will be a design presentation in October or November. As there were several members of the public who had questions about this project, it was added to the agenda.
- Dyckman Marina/Café: The NYC Franchise Concession and Review Commission will meet on September 8th at 2:30pm at the Department of City Planning (22 Reade Street); members of the public invited to attend and testify in support or opposition (as the case may be). Ms. Lorris Ritter will be testifying on behalf of the CB12 Chair in support of DPR's selection, and their process for this RFP, though she will advocate for inclusion of some sort of parking plan in the contract. Copies of the proposed contract were made available. The Inwood Canoe Club asked about amending contract to make mention of them. It was suggested they speak with DPR about this, though Ms. Lorris Ritter pointed out that it would be unusual for a contract to mention an organization or individual that is not itself party to the contract. She also pointed out that DPR is well aware of the club and has their interest in mind.

Resolution in support of a Farmers' Market on W. 185th Street between Pinehurst & Fort Washington Avenues: this is a response to a petition with almost a thousand signatures in favor of this market and the result of many meetings/discussions with the public, the NYC Council on the Environment/Greenmarket, NYPD, and representatives of buildings in the surrounding area, beginning in February. (See previous minutes.) PS/IS187 schoolyard is not option because there is not enough foot traffic. Bennett Park has more foot traffic, but the operational difficulties are such that it is not practical to have the market inside the park itself; moreover this would take away recreational space from park users. Prior experience with street closures on 185th street and review of traffic patterns there suggest that this would be a good place, though loss of parking is an issue. (The street closure would result in the loss of 19 parking spaces during the hours of market operation.) A survey among those who signed the original petition (which suggested the Park itself, and did not mention parking) did not yield significant objection to the proposed relocation. Q: How long to determine if market stays? Ms. Chambers: One or two seasons – need to see if it works. There also were some questions about the W. 155th Street market and why that failed, and Greenmarkets efforts to re-establish a location in the lower Heights. It was suggested to add a "Be It Further Resolved" clause calling on the Mayor's Office to provide a tow truck. Although only there were only two committee members present, and therefore no quorum, a vote would be taken to record public sentiment. The two Committee members were in favor. Of the 15 people present, 12 voted in favor, and three, who are City agency employees, did not vote due to conflict; there were no objections or abstentions.

Lily Brown Playground – After extensive renovations, this playground re-opened in 2001. Now there are sink holes, due to an underground stream which was not known to exist at the time of the renovation. Unfortunately, the City's Office of Management & Budget will not permit consideration of a capital project within ten years, as that is less than the "useful life" of a capital repair. Currently, DPR has two funded capital projects elsewhere in Fort Washington Park near the playground to repair stairs and pathways; it may be possible to work these additional repairs into the existing scope. There was an additional discussion about underground streams and perhaps having DOT look at the underlying conditions since there have been three different repairs in the last seven years to sink holes in Riverside Drive (upper and middle sections, W. 155th-W. 158th Streets. [follow-up note: DR effected a temporary repair the following week. The playground's sinkhole/plumbing issue is slated for inclusion in an upcoming capital project, and hopefully will move into design by Spring.]

Chair reported on the Highbridge and progress being made. There was a ribbon-cutting of the new path leading up to the bridge the week before. The \$60+ million project to restore the bridge hopefully will be completed by 2012. The carillon (bell tower) was discussed; it was agreed that this would be a positive addition to the site. The tower has been restored, though additional repairs to the staircase and windows would be required in addition to the bell system itself.

There was a long discussion about the PlaNYC renovation of Fort Washington and Riverside Parks, and the process for public input. With this particular project, the design firm (Stentech) is committed to attending periodic CB12 meetings to keep the public informed about the design process. There is a required presentation to the Public Design Commission (formerly the Arts Commission), followed by a presentation by to the Parks Committee and then an on-site scoping meeting; all meetings are open to the public. Several members of the public were uncomfortable with not knowing the calendar of meetings, and not knowing how to find out about meetings. It was suggested that interested members of the public routinely check with the Board office as to scheduling, and also make sure to attend CB12 meetings (or read minutes of same) to keep informed as to these and other developments. The Commission posts its meeting agenda two days before their meetings: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/artcom/html/review/meetings.shtml>.

This discussion segued into questions about the Port Authority's security renovation at the base of the George Washington Bridge in Fort Washington Park, as well as the status of the Little Red Lighthouse Festival. *[follow-up note: a PANYNJ representative will attend the October meeting and report on this project, which is anticipated to completed in November. The Little red Lighthouse Festival will go on undisturbed by the renovation, on September 20th.]*

Retaining wall at J.Hood Wright Park: sidewalks on Haven Ave. it was suggested that members of the public call CB12 DM to get information regarding scoping meetings or copies of minutes from Board Meetings. *[follow-up note: the NYC Department of Design & Construction has finished the sidewalks along Haven. The DPR contractor has resumed work and replacement coping stones are being fabricated. Repairs to the overlook are also underway. Concerns or questions about the construction can be directed to Jennifer Hoppa, Administrator of Northern Manhattan Parks.]*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.