

**General Meeting –September 28, 2010– Community Board 12M
Yeshiva University - Weissberg Commons Room at Belfer Hall - 2495 Amsterdam Ave**

PRESENT (40)

Jackie Rowe Adams	Martin Collins	Tony Lopez	Elizabeth Pepin	Excused: (4)	Absent: (4)
Richard Allman	Manny De Los Santos	Elizabeth Lorris Ritter	Edith Prentiss	Leonardo Blackman	George Cruz
Juan Carlos Alonzo	George Espinal	Maria Luna	Zead Ramadan	Mireya Cruz-Diaz	Rafael Lugo
Frank Alvarez	George Fernandez	Glenda Swanson Massa	Tamara Rivera	Andria Reyes	Carole Mulligan
Anita Barberis	Fé Florimon	Helen Morik	Ángela Sánchez	Julio Tejada	George Nelson Preston
Wayne Benjamin	Nicole Foster	Jasmine Moy	Steve Simon		
James Berlin	Julissa Gomez	Edgard Nau	Alyce Smith		
Isaiah Bing	Melanie Hidalgo	Ángelo Ortiz	Gloria Vanterpool		
Cynthia Carrión	David Ernst Kach	Cheryl Pahaham	Raybbin Vargas		
Rolando Cespedes	Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky	Pam Palanque North	Joe Wojak		

I. Chair's Report / Informe del Presidente: Pamela Palanque - North, Chair (7:10PM)

Washington Heights Business Improvement District Board of Directors - ED Search Committee Member, welcome to the New Executive Director Ms. Angelina Ramirez; NYC Charter Revision Commission – Provided testimony on having the Charter require 1 land use /planning professional of each Community Board and a statement regarding criteria for membership on CB's; MDA, MBP& CUNY – Communities of Justice Conference; Meeting w Columbia University Executive Vice President regarding CB12M relocation plan, Baker field WAHI student enrollment; Held New Committee Chair and Assistant Chair Orientation Session; Co-host for the Board of Elections Public Education and Demonstration on the Use of the New Voting Machines; 15th Congressional Community Leaders Dialog on Community Health Centers w H&HS Regional Director, Dr. Jamie Torres. CB12M hosted the DOT Public Hearing on Las Plaza de la Americas which is on W. 175 Street; OMB Manhattan CB Budget Consultations @ LAG H.S. – Meeting w EDC and DEP; MBP Borough Board Resolutions in Opposition to Intro Fifty-eight , Support of the Marriage Equity Law and Opposition to the Arizona Immigration Law all passed at the BB.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS - Council member Rodriquez's Teach-in on the Negative Impact of Immigration Deportation Tools on CB12; Dr. John Palmer Exec Director of Harlem Hospital is having an emergency meeting with CB Chairs in Northern Manhattan October 6, CB12M Public Hearing on CU Baker field – Please Attend!; October 7, DOT Public Hearing on Control of Traffic Congestion on W 181 Street; October 12 CB12M Public Hearing and Service Program Priority Ranking; Provided tickets to Sphinx Lauretes at Carnegie Hall donated 100 free tickets. Celebrated Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp. 30th Anniversary; Angelo Ortiz's birth of son and Moment of silence for the loss of Emilia Cardona, 1st Vice Chair of CB 12 M.

II. District Manager's Report / Informe del Director del Distrito: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager (7:30PM)

Tremendous loss for the CB 12M of Emilia Cardona; Fire Hydrants – MBP has needed to follow-up on better management on hydrant during the summer. Many community members have been complaining on lack of water pressure. DOT – Riverside Drive DOT will not be converting the street into one way. DOT will be Entrance of the highway, and accommodation of parking. Speedbumps - 3 speed 2 bumps on Dyckman and Seaman Ave and 1 Speedbump . Follow-up needed on markings for the speed bump; Report on the congestion for 181st street. Have three possible solutions and are encouraging it members of the public to share their opinion. Information passed out during the meeting. DOT – You Demand. Be a Man and have a designated driver. There is an application to find a taxi. DOT – Safe conditions of south side of walking on bridge. Illegal conversion, only one way to egress. This is increasing in the area. Wayne Benjamin, would like clarification on the matter. Martin Collins: each room should have a window and heat. Losing ground floor apartments to commercial use. Zead: This was a major discussion in 2005, Landlords are making lots of money for conversion, and floss of taxes; Flyer on Public hearing of Baker Field. Helps us to spread the word.

Cristina Alfonzo from the Cloisters - Dec. 15th CB 12M will have a holiday party at the Cloisters. Cloisters has taken up the building restoration project, encourages everyone to visit the Cloisters for new exhibits. Welcomes over 200,000 new visitors and 9,000 NYC students. Has free programs everyday it is open. Passed out free passes for museum.

Precinct Commander Captain Dowling of the 33rd Precinct:

Introduced the new Captain Vetrella – taking over the anti-crime unit. For the summer we increased police presence. Impact response team. We lost in the last week to the 23rd Precinct. Doing well in crime, on downward trend from the summer. Increase in auto grand larceny (Edgecombe) Left car unattended. If you have a car, turn it off. Ladies watch your purses. Computer bags and ipods, gps. 2 Homicide for the year. Shootings down to 8. Identified individuals. Steve Simon: Item in the post about man being attacked with Baseball bat, on 155th St. Robbed individual of \$200. Unit is doing line-ups as we speak. Suspects known to each other. Council meeting at 6:30pm. Any issues will be assigned to officers.

Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez (7:57PM)

Would like to thank Pam and the CB 12M on all that she and board is doing. I too am working the best I can do as a rookie. This Saturday a rally in DC. Looking to make it the biggest march of the decade with United for Peace and Justice, will have 6 buses leaving from 181st St. Oct. 20 – 24th Children's Film Festival Armando to make it very big for the year. 175th and St. Nicholas Halloween Festival on Oct. 30th Angelina Ramirez – WaHi BID – Street Vendors in our community, should we be creating another plaza as the 175th Plaza. Let's put some thought on this. CUNY in the Heights: looking to expand services. Dr. Sanders Looking to have breakfast with using the space in the Armory about how inclusive to NYC public schools. Looking to have GW and GL HS track, Opening to have the Amory open to Tuesday and Thursday to public. Promote Armory in the community; Oct. 20th HDP Housing Community Meeting to address the issues of housing in the community; Passion is to have child education 0- 5 hold a conference on crisis of education at City College; Juan Alonzo: Day care and Vendors using empty lots? Headstart waiting list has over 250. ACS is looking to put capital on creating a building space for Daycare. It is a major requirement.

III. Adoption of the Agenda / Adopción de la Agenda (8:12PM)

George Fernandez motions and Angelo Ortiz seconds

IV. Adoption of the Minutes / Adopción de los Minutas – (8:12PM)

Isaiah Bing motions and Nicole Foster seconds

V. Special Presentations: Matt Sloane, Manhattan CD12: C8 District Proposed Rezoning (8:14PM)

Presentation available at CB 12M office. Prior study of soft sites for changing zoning to accommodate residential and commercial buildings. Contextual nature. Summary to build an additional 2000 residential units. Promote intensive commercial use, rezoning b/c District 2 RZ9 for residential from auto related usage.

Joe Wojak – Why is the Section on Inwood not being considered? Not deemed a priority area for rezoning.

Zead Ramadan: We shouldn't be doing this block by block, why not be whole segments, it doesn't feel right.

George Fernandez: What does slightly more intensive residential area mean? Looking to making it bigger not double the size

Wayne Benjamin: This presentation was given multiply times at various community board meetings, for public input.

VI. Borough President's Report: Jaritza Taveras for Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer (8:35PM)

It was an extremely busy summer 3 highlights – Opened Stand Alone Asthma Center (took 3years), as a resource center in East Harlem (110th St and Lexington). E. Harlem is identified as the highest rate of asthma rates. For families, free of charge fan is open to all that need it. Back-On Initiative – Partnered with major banks to get a bank account. Open with \$25 with no penalties. Announced Immigrants Manual – Information manual online and printed. CB 12M re-appointment application deadline is on Dec. 31st. If you would like to apply now is the time

VII. Elected Officials' Reports / Informe de Oficiales Electos (6 minutes / 6 minutos)

Council Member Robert Jackson (8:39PM): Proud to be representing this community. Introduced Juan Rosa as the community liaison

1.6 million New Yorkers without a GED. With more education the more you will be able to earn for your family. GEDcampas.com Chair of the Education Committee. Highlighted the support he has given to Northern Manhattan Parks, Liz Ritter will be discussing reconstruction Bennett Park 1.2 million Wright Hood Brother Playground 1.8 million and an additional .5 million. All the things that the community wanted. 2.3 million Tennis and Basketball courts 1.2 Million tennis courts. Bathrooms are not ADA accessible, looking for others elected officials to support these developments.

Budget – Mayor put a hiring freeze for all agencies, and looking to cut uniformed and un-uniformed personnel. City will be 3 Billion in the red. NYS 37 Billion in the red over the next few years. Members of the community are here to discuss the liquor license, recommending a no vote. I support small business, backbone of our city, but I will say that in the Dyckman area within two blocks it is over saturated. Due to the noise and double park, outdoor cafes, concerns. My position, support businesses but not at the expense of the residents. Recommends the No Vote. Stopping the Frisk, 2010 Test scores 109,000 moved from proficiency to level 2 this year. Will you be going to staying for the presentation on Tennis Court?

VIII. Public Session / Sesión pública

Angelo Monserrate, Inwood Hill Park Tennis Association (8:53 PM): Proposed reconstruction project of Tennis / Basketball courts- Presented the possibilities using funding for 9 courts in the front not in the back. Asked to present at Parks Committee Meeting.

Mr. X (8:56PM): Wanted to inform every one of the next MTA board meetings, which will be voting MTA fare increases.

Richard Lewis, Wright Brothers Park (8:58 PM): Lived in the community \$23,000, that has created a gathering space 2.3 million is a lot. Benches are recessed so that it does not encourage loitering and destruction. Park is shared with DOE. It is located W 156th Street.

Jean Bonnas (9:02 PM) – Witnessed tree killed by someone removing the bark, would like to make people aware of the damage that is happening

Dan Badder, editor Manhattan Times (9:04PM): Leaving at end of the month for *The Observer* in the Utica. Thanked everyone for all their work.

Sandra Harris, Columbia University (9:05PM) CB 12 Relocation: Looking to move on the triangular building. We are aware of the CB 12M needs. Hope that by the end of the year. This was a concession was made from CU regarding housing and continuing obligation.

Maggie Clark (9:09PM) — thankful for Robert Jackson and Farrell regarding Alcohol Alley. Does support local business. Do not mess with our zoning, looking to enforce laws. Rippling streets are dangerous to cyclists. More traffic in the area of Broadway, please put bicycling facilities on the list of priorities.

Carmen Acosta, Healthcare Education Project (9:13PM) acknowledged the great work of Emilia Cardona – Thursday 11:30AM – 1:30PM will be a town hall meeting on health care cuts. Working with the Mayor's Office to teach English, welcome to send people. 10 week session Asociacion de Mujeres Progresista – Enjoy your time.

Inessa Gonzalez, Noime Salad Bar: I would like to share our new menu, as well as discuss the incident that took place at my business was not on our property. Ms. North recommends the Goldman Sachs Small Business, to attend.

IX. Representatives of Elected Officials / Representantes de Oficiales Electos (3 minutes / 3 minutos)

Socrates Solano for Congressman Charles B. Rangel (9:22PM): Thanked everyone for your vote on primary day. Healthcare Bill – Went into effect Thursday, Sept 23rd. Healthcare cannot be cancelled if you become sick, children cannot be denied coverage, health plans cannot be denied for a precondition, key right your own doctor, etc. Congress passed spur economic growth without adding to the deficit. You can write off part of the purchase. Wayne Benjamin: Obama signed into law, an increase in loan amounts for small businesses. Looking to get Obama to the Heights. Rabblyin Vargas: Will this information be made accessible to the community? Yes. Can request by email

Frank Hess for Assemblyman Herman Farrell: (9:28PM) Officials representing that block Robert Jackson and Farrell, understanding that the more businesses Revenue caps: His committee is looking for other options, will be doing additional research. By doing caps, NYC are being left out b/c are localities.

Rafeal Escano for State Senator Perkins (9:32PM) glad to be back in my new capacity, CB12M 30th Senatorial Precent. Historical announcement – complaints on the new voting machine. Perkins will be holding open meetings about the new machines in conjunction with Board of Elections. Oct. 4th at Harlem Hospital Center. All suggestions welcomed.

X. Committee Reports / Reporte de los Comités:

1. Traffic & Transportation: James Berlin

Resolution requesting funding to maintain Parallel set of step stairs at 215th Street.

Passes: 34 -0 -0 – 11 – 2

Resolution calling upon NYC DOT to install Accessible Traffic Signals.

Passes: 36 – 0 - 0 – 11 - 0

2. Land Use: Wayne Benjamin, Chair

Resolution requesting the rezoning of certain C8 Zoning Districts in Washington Heights and Inwood.

Passes: 20 - 13 - 3 – 11 – 0

3. Economic Development: Nicole Foster, Chair

1. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Villa Patron Inc. – 104 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Nagle Avenue.)

Passes: 24 - 7 - 4 – 12 – 0

2. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Javier & David Restaurant Corp. – 1618 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of St. Nicholas Avenue.)

Passes: 35 -0 -0 – 12 – 0

3. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Pipo Pool Inc. – 582 W. 183rd Street, (at the corner of St. Nicholas Avenue.)

Passes: 35 -0 -0 – 12 – 0

4. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ. – 3956 Broadway, (at the Corner of W. 166th St.)

Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0

5. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Floridita Restaurant Uptown Inc. – 4162 Broadway, (bet. W. 176th & W. 177th Sts.)

Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0

6. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: The Element Restaurant Group Inc. – 854 W. 181st Street, (at the corner of Cabrini Blvd.)

Passes: 30-2 -2– 12 – 1

7. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: 600 West 169th Restaurant Inc. dba Coogan's – 4015 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 169th St.)

Passes: 34 -0 -0 – 12 – 1

8. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Don Ricardo Steakhouse, LLC. – 4460 Broadway, (bet. Fairview Ave & W. 192nd St.)

Passes: 34 -0 -1 – 12 – 0

9. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: Ceci Restaurant Inc. – 78 Sherman Avenue, (bet. Thayer & Dyckman Sts.)

Passes: 29 -4 -2 – 12 – 0

10. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to:
207th Street Lina Restaurant Inc. – 500 A W. 207th Street, (bet. Post & 10th Aves.)
Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0
11. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to:
Cabana Salvadorena Restaurant – 4384 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 187th St.)
Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0
12. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to:
Cafeteria Billar Cibao II – 90 Nagle Avenue, (bet. Ellwood & Sickles Sts.)
Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0
13. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to:
Jimmy Oro Restaurant Inc. dba Jimmy Oro Restaurant – 711 W. 181st Street, (bet. Broadway & Bennett Aves.)
Passes: 33 -1 -0 – 12 – 1
14. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Eating Place Beer License to:
Hato Mayor & Amigos – 543 W. 187th Street, (at the corner of Audubon Ave.)
Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0
15. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Catering Establishment License to:
Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Anargyri – 1547 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 187th & W. 188th Sts.)
Passes: 32 -1 -2 – 12 – 0
16. Resolution to recommend the TLC grant a Renewal of its Livery Car Base License to:
First Class Car & Limousine, Inc. – 4980 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 211th St.)
Passes: 31 -2 -2 – 12 – 0
17. Resolution to recommend the TLC grant a Renewal of its Livery Car Base License to:
Kennedy Radio Dispatch, Inc. – 3760 Broadway, (bet. W. 156th & W. 157th Sts.)
Passes: 31 -3 -1 – 12 – 0
18. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
Di' Vino Lounge Inc. – 565 W. 207th Street, (bet. Sherman & Vermilyea Aves.)
Passes: 32 -3 -0 – 12 – 0
19. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
Lucky Seven Restaurant & Bar, LLC dba T.B.D – 1455-1457 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of W. 183rd Street.)
Passes: 35 -0 -0 – 12 – 0
20. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
Alana Group Inc. dba Risqué – 657 W. 176th Street, (at the corner of Wadsworth Avenue.)
Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0
21. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
417 W. Inc. dba Garbo – 417 W. 202nd Street, (bet. 10th & 9th Avenues.)
Passes: 35 -0 -0 – 12 – 0

22. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
Hudson Fulton Corp. dba Indian Road Café & Market – 600 W. 218th Street, (at the corner of Indian Rd.)

Passes: 33 -2 -0 – 12 – 0

23. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to:
Emilou Inc. – 829 W. 181st Street, (bet. Cabrni Blvd. & Pinehurst Ave.)

Passes: 33 -2 -0 – 12 – 0

24. Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to:
West 170th Wine Bar, Ltd. – 567 W. 170th Street a.k.a 1202 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 170th & W. 171st Sts.)

Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0

25. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Restaurant Wine License to:
NG24 Corp. – 227 Dyckman Street, (bet. 10th & 9th Avenues.)

Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0

26. Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a Restaurant Wine License to:
1969 Amsterdam Avenue – 1969 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 157th & W. 158th Sts.)

Passes: 34 -1 -0 – 12 – 0

4. **Parks & Cultural Affairs:** Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter, Chair

1. Resolution to support NYCDP&R plans for the Wright Brothers Playground and Bennett Park

Passes: 32 -0 -0 – 13 – 2

5. **Youth & Education:** Elizabeth Pepin, Chair

Moving meeting date, second Thursday of the month, superintendent of the borough will be joining.

6. **Housing & Human Services:** George Fernandez III, MSW, Chair

Refer to minutes. All developments are grandfathered in. We need the community to be here, and expand the outreach.

7. **Concerns of the Aging:** Gloria Vanterpool, Chair

Refer to minutes.

8. **Public Safety:** Andria Reyes, Chair

Refer to minutes.

9. **Health & Environment:** Steve Simon, Chair

Monthly meeting will be at CB 12 Office, to discuss the Research investigation conducted by CU. Also NY bridge plan for all the reduces coverage for those that have preexisting conditions.

10. **Street Activities Permit TF:** Tamara Rivers, Chair

Season for Street Fairs ends on October 25th

XI. **New Business/ Adjournment – Asuntos Nuevos / Clausura**

Adjourned at 10:57PM

Economic Development Committee

Tuesday September 7, 2010

(Minutes Taken By George Espinal)

EDC Members Present: Nicole Foster, Edith Prentiss, Rolando Cespedes, Mireya Cruz, George Espinal, Tony Lopez.

EDC Members Absent: Melanie Hidalgo, Julio Tejada.

EDC Members Excused: Leonardo Blackman.

CB12 Members Present: Pamela Palanque-North, Chair

Staff Members Present: Paola Garcia

Public: Sonia Vega, Rev. Ierotheus, Ramón Martínez, Jason Minter, Robert Swetwek, Miguel Hernández, Kenny Cuevas, Marcos Reyes, José Miguel Jiménez, Miguel Montas, Manuel Vidal, Roberto Echevarria, José Pérez, José Azcona, Santiago Quezada, Angel Santana, Osvaldo Rosario, Carlos Sánchez, José Ventura, Alejandro Parilla, David P. Hurtz, Juana Lozano, Jimmy Oro, Lior Dishy, Katie Weaver, Moisés Nunez, Lt. Peterson – NYPD 34th PCT, Frank Palillo, Ramon Martinez, Damian Rodríguez, Wendis Fernandez.

Madam Chair Nicole Foster calls the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Ms. Foster welcomes everyone to the EDC and briefly explains the process of the committee and those in opposition of a particular establishment should speak after the establishment presents to the committee

New York City Business Solution Presentation by Ms. Barbara Martinez

A Mayor Michael Bloomberg initiative that helps businesses start, operate and expand in New York City. All the services provided by New York City Business Solutions are free of charge. The center is located in Washington Heights at 76 Wadsworth Avenue

Renewal Licenses:

1. **Villa Patron-** Ramon Martinez, Owner George Maestre, Manager **Purchased location in June 2010.** Reopened on Friday September 3, 2010. The Establishment is a bar and restaurant that caters to the gay community. The establishment has 2 bartenders, 2 waiters, 1 cook, 1 busboy, 1 bar back, 1 helper to the kitchen. The establishment has 14 tables and can hold up to 75 people. The establishment will have music and have 8 security cameras, 1 security guard and 2 security guards on the weekend. The 34th Precinct is against the renewal of this establishment due to its proximity of other clubs and three noise complaints. The noise complaints were in the spring 2010 and last fall 2009. Are ADA.
VOTE: EDC 1-3-3 CB 0-1-0 Public 0-2-18
2. **Pipo Pool, Inc.** Owner Mr. Jose, The establishment is billiards with two pool tables that sell food. The hours of operation 2pm-2am on weekends and on weekdays till approx 1am. The establishment has 3 employees, has a bar with twelve stools, three tables with 12 seats. They serve sandwiches, shakes and salads. The establishment has four security cameras. The establishment has a jukebox and has been in existence for 18 years. The 34th Precinct is against the renewal because it's a residential area and the level of noise that is contributed from the establishment.
VOTE: EDC 0-3-4 CB 1-0-0 Public 7-4-9

3. **Dallas BBQ-** Miguel Hernandez, General Manager, Well established restaurant in the community that serves bbqs, ribs. Employs 100 people, there is no service bar, and 200 chairs. The establishment has 8 cameras and one security person for the weekend. Is ADA. Hours of Operation 11- Midnight Sunday Thursday 11- 1am Friday and Saturday. Background music plays during visit to establishment. The establishment is ADA. 33rd Precinct is concerned with double parking of customers.
VOTE: EDC 7-0-0 CB 1-0-0 Public 12-0-8
4. **Javier & David Restaurant- La Nueva Caridad-** Mr. Montas, Legal Representation represented Mr. Montas for his establishments. The owner is expanding the restaurant and is moving the bar. He acquired the establishment next-door and he is altering the establishment. 682 Sq. Feet and it will seat an additional 57-70 People. The attorney for Mr. Montas will provide the blueprints to the EDC tomorrow morning. Mr. Montas is a well established entrepreneur and constantly contributes to the little leagues in the community. No comment from the 34th Precinct and no adverse history. ADA.
VOTE: EDC 7-0-0 CB1-0-0 Public 7-0-13
5. **Floridita Restaurant-** Will Vega, Owner, Family Restaurant, Cuban and Dominican Food, Hours of Operation is 24 hours and seven days a week. The establishment has been 24 hours for two years. 18 full time employees and 3 managers. 11 tables, four small tables, the bar has eleven chairs, 13 cameras, security personnel is hired for weekend and catered events at the establishment. The establishment is ADA. 33rd Precinct no objections for renewal.
VOTE: EDC 6-1-0 CB 1-0-0 Public 11-0-9
6. **The Element Restaurant Group-** No Show
7. **Coogan's Restaurant-** David Hunt, Co-Owner, Hours of Operation 11am-4am everyday, 50 employees' part-time and fulltime. One to two security personnel, 32 security cameras, ADA entering establishment, bathrooms is not ADA. Jukebox, live music, karaoke. 33rd Precinct has no objections.
VOTE: EDC 6-0-1 CB1-0-0 Public 11-0-9
8. **Don Ricardo SteakHouse, LLC-** NO SHOW
9. **Ceci Restaurant, Inc. -** Wendas Fernandez, Owner, Spanish restaurant, beer and wine are served to compliment the meals. 8 employees including the owner, 5 stools at the counter top, 11 table's total, establishment has cameras and the establishment is fully ADA. The establishment has a jukebox. The 34th Precinct objects to the establishment renewal, an incident took place a gentleman was selling narcotics in the bathroom. The owners were uncooperative with the police when they were trying to apprehend the individual. The owner has no recollection of the event and she states she is willing to work with the 34th Precinct if they need to view cameras. Pct will fax date of incident to EDC tomorrow.
VOTE: EDC 2-5-0 CB 0-1-0 Public 6-4-10
10. **207th Street Lina Restaurant, Santiago Quezada, Manager,** opened 6am to 2am, twelve stools, 6 tables, 10 employees, no security personnel and one camera. To entered establishment is ADA not bathrooms. Jukebox is present at the establishment. No Comment from the 34th Precinct.
VOTE: EDC 6-0-1 CB1-0-0 Public 6-0-14
11. **Cabana Salvadorena Rest. Juana Lozano, Owner,** 11 tables, and 3 chairs on the countertop, 10:30 to 10:30 on weekdays, and 11 on weekends. Jukebox for music, establishment is ADA to enter but not for bathrooms. No Cameras no security personnel. EDC recommends installation of cameras.
VOTE: EDC 5-0-2 CB1-0-0 Public 12-0-8

12. **Cafeteria Billar Cibao II, Oswaldo Rosario, Partner**, Two years, billiards, serve snacks; nuts and beer. 3:30-2am weekdays and weekends 3:30am. Number of 4 employees and 4 security cameras. Security Personnel is father and son. Entrance is not ADA but bathroom is there is a jukebox. No Comment from the 34th Precinct.
VOTE: EDC 6-0-1 CB1-0-0 Public 12-0-8
13. **Jimmy Oro Restaurant, Claudio Ordonez, Employee**, The establishment is a family restaurant is a serves Chinese and Latin food. 14 tables, 11:30am to 11:00pm, seven days of week, six employees, No security cameras and no security personnel, the establishment is ADA, and background music is a cd player, The 34th Precinct has no comment. No comment from the public about the establishment.
VOTE: EDC 6-0-1 CB 1-0-0 Public 15-0-5
14. **Hato Mayor- Received License**
15. **Greek Orthodox Church- Darlene Kounves, Rev Erothesos Markopoulous**, The Church has parties such as birthdays and family orientated events, sometimes live music and or DJ's. The Rev is the only employee and everyone is a volunteer. Not ADA. Rev is the only employee and everyone is a volunteer. 34th Precinct No Comment.
VOTE: EDC 7-0-0 CB 1-0-0 Public 10-0-5

Taxi & Limousine Commission License Renewals:

16. **First Class, Damian Rodriguez, President, 280 Cars, 325 Drivers**, 13 employees at the dispatch center, some cars are equipped with GPS. License Number B01536 of Certificate of Affiliation that complies with City TLC Rule 6-07(f) to provide transportation service to wheelchair users and persons with disabilities. The 34th Precinct complained about double parking on Broadway near West 207th street and some cars park near Inwood Hill Park that play loud music. President mentioned some of his drivers go attend the event and or are players of certain teams that play in the park. The President recommends the committee to obtain license plates number and car number and submit complaints to base to apprehend them appropriately. EDC member Edgar Nau mentions in front of his building on Broadway, taxi drivers from First Class occupy metered spots on Broadway prohibiting other motorist from parking at the meter. President encourages folks to take photographs of driver's vehicle that are parked at meters and occupying an excessive amount of legitimated park spaces. One Resident complained about First Class vehicles parked on metered spots on West 181st Street between Ft. Washington Avenue and Pinehurst Avenue. Mr. Frank Hess, From Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell's Office mentioned he is working with the taxi base to ensure improvements. Overall, his office is satisfied with the improvements thus far and will continue to work with First Class.
VOTE: EDC 7-0-0 CB 0-1-0 Public 11-1-2
17. **Kennedy Radio Dispatch, Inc. - Ramon Martinez, Manager, 80 Cars, 200 Drivers**, Majority of the vehicles have GPS. License Number B90140 of Certificate of Affiliation that complies with City TLC Rule 6-07(f) to provide transportation to wheelchair users and persons with disabilities. The 33rd Precinct raised concerns about excessive double parking in certain areas in the community. Mr. Martinez mentioned he will be working on this issue with the owner to ensure drivers do not Double Park and create congestion. EDC Member Tony Lopez recommend to implement disciplinary actions such as take them off the radio for drivers violating company policy and or double parking/creating congestion etc. Mr. Martinez said there is someone who is in charge of discipline for all drivers at the base.
VOTE: EDC 6-0-1 CB 0-0-1 Public 3-4-2

New Applications

1. **Di'Vino Lounge, Inc. - Roberts Swetnick, Attorney, Kenny Cuevas, Owner, Marcos Reyes, Partner**, Where the establishment is located is only a one story structure with no apartments above the location. The menu will include sandwiches and cold food, 74 people, 20 tables, couches and lounge furniture. Hours of Operation Thursday- Saturday 6-4am, Mr. Cuevas is going to be attracting an older crowd as oppose to a younger crowd, the establishment entrance and bathroom is ADA. The 34th Precinct wants to reserve vote until owners provide floor plan and hours of operation. Does not intend on having patrons dancing within establishment.
VOTE: EDC 3-0-4 CB 1-0-0 Public 6-9-0
2. **Lucky Seven Restaurant & Bar LLC,- Leo Dershi, Owner Eddy Mourad, General Manager**, Opening a restaurant 125 seats, with a ground floor, mezzanine , and a basement for storage only. 40-50 employees, Anticipates closing at 4am everyday. 30-35 tables, bar step up with 15-18 stools, entrance and bathroom is ADA, establishment will have background music, intends on having a live performance and establishment will be soundproof. 34th Precinct will reserves to comment and waits to visit establishment and review floor plan. 36 cameras and with two security personnel inside and two security personnel outside. The establishment is near a school and the District Manager checked to ensure the establishment is within state law to operate a license liquor establishment. The owners will open at 4pm, in which by then the school is closed to avoid any problems. The General Manager Eddy will be on site at all times, if the community has any concerns should speak with Eddy.
VOTE: EDC 1-0-6 CB 1-0-0 Public 5-2-4
3. **Alana Group Inc,- NO SHOW**
4. **NG24 Corp. - Inesa Gonzalez, Owner- Juice Bar owner for three years.** She isn't doing well economically and looking forward to obtaining a beer and wine license. No music and maybe perhaps background music in future. Two cameras in the establishment, one outside and one inside, entrance and bathroom is ADA. Going to prepare oven food and pizzas and antipasti. No service bar but service establishment. 1 issue is address, on file there is 225, 227 and 231. The address needs to be corrected and filed correctly. 2nd issue the establishment is subject to a 500 foot rule since there are other establishments on that particular block with full liquor license and beer and wine license. 34th Precinct is reserving judgment until reviewing application; however, they are opposing to another premise in obtaining a liquor license. The Hours of Operation will change 3pm-12am, seven days a week if license is granted.
Ms. Foster now opens the floor to any community feedback; Community resident is opposed to Another establishment opening with a liquor license since it impinges on the quality of life of the Community. She mentioned once establishment obtains license she will open till 4am in order to compete with other establishments. Community resident recommends a moratorium around the number of license establishments in the community. Assemblyman Farrell stated he is against the Opening of another bar on Dyckman Street due to the over saturation and the heavy congestion. He Also continued on saying "let's not forget the Dyckman Marina which will contribute to the problem". He strongly opposes the opening of this bar.
VOTE: EDC 0-5-2 CB0-1-0 Public 8-6-0
5. **417 W. Inc dba Garbo- no show**
6. **Elbin Alvarez Corp. Attorney will withdraw application.**

7. **Indian Road Café-** Jason Minter, Owner, 7am-Midnight, Coffee Bar, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, 20 employees, currently has a restaurant wine license, occasional live music and looking to upgrade to full liquor license. Establishment has a full service bar with seven seats, seating for approx 60 people, new hours of operation 7am-1am if license is awarded. 9 cameras, 3 outside and 6 inside. 34th Precinct is going to reserve comment to review plans. No comment from community. Fully ADA
VOTE: EDC 7-0-0 CB1-0-0 Public 8-3-3
8. **West 170th Wine Bar-** Robert Swetnick, Attorney, Jose Olivares, Owner, and The establishment was formerly known as Vino Veritas, going to serve salads and sandwiches. 8 tables, 6 stools at the bar, ADA for entrance and bathroom, music is ipod or tape for background music, establishment is small for any loud music. Main concentration is lunch and dinner and wine serving. 33rd Precinct has no objections. No comments from the community
VOTE: EDC 7-0-0 CB 1-0-0 Public 9-0-2
9. **1969 Amsterdam Avenue-** NO SHOW
10. **Emilou, Inc-** NO SHOW

Committee members present: David Kach (Assistant Chair), Cynthia Carrion, Jasmine Moi, Joe Wojak

Committee members absent: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Yosef Kalinsky, Zead Ramadan (excused)

Board members present: Steve Simon

Guests: Anthony Speranza, Nelson Nunez, Rose Navales, JHW Community Center; Miguel Hernandez, Dallas BBQ; Robert Swetnick; James Amodeo; Alison Krueger; Nina Princere; Charlene <illegible>; Bob Redmond, Adrienne Hamilton, Chris Crowley, Nancy Prince & Jennifer Hoppa, Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR); Daniel Polanco; P. Woo; Clara Martinez Turco; Jason Alcorn; Janet Wise-Thomas; Alik Tserotas Cheng; Jennifer Bittner; Christopher Travis; José Urefia; Carol Blagman; Bayard <illegible>; Tracey Eberhart; Kelly Ruby; Orlando Dowell; Adele Bartlett; Michael Ford; Angelo Monserrate; Steve Berers

Opening remarks

David Kach, Assistant Chair, called the meeting to order at 7 PM with opening remarks.

- Reviewed the June, 2010 minutes regarding renovations to the Inwood Hill Park (IHP) tennis courts and basketball courts.
- Opened the floor to public discussion of the tennis and BB court renovations. Some members of the public voiced strong concerns that the renovations do not cover all the tennis courts and that they focus on courts that are least used due to bad shade/sun conditions. Committee members reminded participants that substantial public notice was given and public feedback was solicited. Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) officials discussed the issues and indicated the courts that are not included in the renovations will be resealed and painted.
- Committee members encouraged members of the public to petition and write local officials to try and get funds allocated for additional renovations.
- Bob Redmond from DPR will set up a time to do a walkthrough at the IHP tennis courts to review community concerns.

Agenda items

Review/discussion of Parks Dept. plans for renovations of J. Hood Wright, Wright Brothers and Bennett Parks

- Each park will undergo extensive renovations. Funds provided by local elected officials. Planning is underway now with construction scheduled to start Spring/Summer, 2011. Work expected to take one year from start date.
- The plans were well-received by the Committee and attendant members of the public, with no objections or proposed modifications.

Dyckman Street Marina update: Marina concessionaires working with DEP to get water and sewer lines connected. No major construction expected this year.

Capital & Operating priorities for FY '12: The Committee reviewed capital and operating priorities for next year.

The meeting concluded at 9:01 PM.

Minutes - Traffic & Transportation Meeting - Sept 13, 2010

Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky Asst. Chair, Anita Barberis, James Berlin, Edith Prentiss
Absent: Zead Ramadan, Rafael Lugo, George Preston, Bd. Members attending: Martin Collins, Joe Wojak
Staff: Deborah Blow

Guest: Jetal Bhakta, Jenny Gonzalez, Amir Rastt-DOT, Resident: Deborah Pogue-1380 Riverside Dr., Erin Greenbaum, Stephen Tocco-45 Park Terrace East, Joseph Pastore-Inwood Ventura II, Jeffrey Dugan, Pat Courtney-50 Park Terrace W., Chiara Sottile, John Emmanuel, Kallyn Krash-72 Park Terrace West, Maria Centeno-Dept of Design & Construction, John Daza-AECOM-DDC Consultant

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Meeting commenced at 7:15pm, Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky, Asst. Chair

A representative of 1380 Riverside Drive, Deborah Pogue, submitted a petition signed by 124 concerned area residents regarding the restoration of parking along the 181st Street and Riverside Drive (RSD) entrance to the Henry Hudson Parkway. They have been seriously inconvenienced since the 2005 collapse of the Castle Village wall. They further requested an investigation and response to:

- Improved signage for pedestrian safety at the intersection of Plaza Lafayette & RSD
- Better enforcement at stop light at pedestrian foot bridge
- Improve signage for cyclists on upper & lower footbridge ramps
- Replanting of street trees along the sidewalk north of 1380 RSD

A representative from DOT stated that parking will be restored to both sides of 181 street and RSD. Given that many of the issues were related to public safety, it was recommended that they also visit with our Public Safety Committee.

DDC presented their recommendations for the reconstruction of the West 215 Step street, which is 200 feet long and 34 feet wide (two staircases) with plantings in the middle and has 110 steps that are in poor condition. The measured pedestrian traffic during peak time is 110 folks and 45 at non-peak time.

There were four (4) different designs, of which the attending community fully supported maintaining the two staircases with low plantings in the center and no benches on the various levels as that may impact the safety (muggers) of those pedestrians who utilize these steps (scheme #4).

DDC stated that this project is funded with government funds and the community's desire to maintain the two parallel staircases costs more than available funding. So, in essence these were not four offerings to our community as decisions had already been made (to use scheme #3). To voice our community's desire, the attached resolution was passed supporting our community's choice. The DDC did claim that the community is in jeopardy of losing funding if we delay the process and request that they revisit other schemes that better suit their needs. Vote: Committee Members = 4 in favor 4-0-0

Board members= 2 in favor 2-0-0 Members of the public = 11 in favor, 1 in opposition and one abstained

DOT is presently installing countdown signals on Broadway up to 168th which of course aids all pedestrians crossing this north-south street. However, it would enhance those without sight to navigate more safely if there were also audible signals installed with these upgrades for all of these lights. A resolution was initiated by E. Prentiss and approved by the T&T Committee.

There is a major problem with pigeons congregating at the Amtrak Dyckman Street overpass which needs to be addressed. It was suggested that our Health Committee should be apprised of this as well as Amtrak for a solution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Anita Barberis

Committee for the Concern for Aging
September 15, 2010

Committee Members Present

Gloria Vanterpool
Julio Tejada
Glenda Massa
Edgard Nau

Member @ Large
Norma De Candido

Guests

Jim McNiff
Marilyn Pacheco

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Meeting convened @ 10:20am by Chairperson, Gloria Vanterpool
Warm welcome was extended and those present introduced themselves. Julio Tejada was introduced as a new committee member and Norma De Candido as a new at-large member.

Reports on other C.B. Committees

Housing Glenda Massa

It was mentioned that the committee has a new chairperson, George Fernandez. We wish him well on his new role. Highlights of the meeting included a review of the senior housing in our community. It was agreed that further info was needed on all housing needs and a possible survey sheet would be developed to acquire this info. This will be discussed at a future meeting

Health Edgard Nau

Discussion on an article that appeared in the NY Times 7/16/10 regarding studies halted at Columbia Univ. Brain Lab due to improper procedures. Further info will be reported at future meeting

Budget Consultations

Review of Capital & Expenses Priorities & Requests were done. It was agreed that the chairperson would discuss these with Senior Center Directors to see if any changes were necessary. This info is needed for our Budget Priority Meeting at the Bd. on Sept. 28 and the actual budget consultations on Sept. 29 with DFTA

Future Program Meetings

We reviewed last year programs and all agreed that bringing the meetings into the senior centers might be of stronger service to that population. Chairperson will follow up and schedule with the center directors. Further information will be available at our next meeting.

Future meetings that the Chair will attend
Mayor's Advisory on Aging
Borough Pres Advisory
Whicoa

Dates and hour will be noted and invitation to all committee members to attend when able.

Reports on these meetings will be given at the next meeting.

Marilyn Pacheco of Isabella Geriatric distributed Flyers on
Mammography Screening @ Isabella Geriatric on Oct. 8, 2010
Independent Senior Living Fall Special on apartments at reduced rate - studio and one-bedroom
apartments

Health Fair @ Allen Pavilion Oct. 7, 2010

Meeting ended at 11:25am
Next meeting October 12th 2010

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – September 2, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon, Isaiah Bing, Edgard Nau, Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

ABSENT: David Kach, Helen Morik, Andria Reyes, Angela Sanchez, Raybblin Vargas.

OTHER CB 12 MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Pahaham. **STAFF:** Paola Garcia

GUESTS: Carrie Tracey, Community Service Society

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

1. **Federal Violations at Columbia University Medical Center's Brain-Imaging Center** – The committee members discussed an article that appeared on the front page of The New York Times of July 16, "Columbia Lab Halts Research Over Injections." The article stated that the research at the nationally prominent Kreitchman Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Center was suspended and its top managers suspended "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." The article also says the university stated "it had conducted its own investigation of the lab at the request of the FDA and...found no evidence of harm to patients." The committee members felt that this article raised serious questions about CUMC's practices in dealing with human subjects in its research projects and that a high-ranking CUMC official should be invited to the next meeting to address this issue. C. Pahaham agreed to invite State Dept. of Health.
2. **The New York Bridge Plan** – Carrie Tracy, policy associate, Community Service Society, spoke about the first major provision of the national health care reform to be implemented in New York State – a program to provide health insurance to individuals with pre-existing conditions. In her Powerpoint presentation, she said the following:
 - 2.6 million New Yorkers are uninsured today
 - HMO plans in Manhattan currently charge \$750-\$2,500 to individuals each month.
 - The Pre-Existing Conditions Insurance Plan funds "high-risk" pools in every state to cover uninsured consumers with health conditions until other reforms take effect in 2014, when exchanges and Medicaid expansion will cover 1.2 million uninsured New Yorkers
 - New York will receive \$297 million in federal funds for this program over three years
 - It will be administered by Emblem (merger of HIP and GHI), which was selected because it is the only statewide non-profit
 - An estimated 15,000 people will be covered yearly by the NY Bridge Plan
 - First date of coverage: October 1
 - Must be a NY resident, US citizen or lawful immigrant, have one or more pre-existing medical conditions, and have been without health coverage for the last six months
 - The Pre-Existing Condition list is extensive: 15 categories, over 100 specific conditions
 - Includes every condition found on every other state's list and those not listed can still be added
 - Premiums for NYC residents: \$421 per month; upstate: \$362 per month
 - Benefits: no deductibles, free preventive care, \$20 office visit copay, \$500 inpatient per occurrence copay, \$100 ER copay, drug benefits, vision care
 - Applications are available on-line: www.NYBridgePlan.com or call 1-866-693-9277
 - For more info, call Community Health Advocates at 1-888-614-5400 or Emblem at 1-877-444-9622.

3. **Smoke Free City Campaign** – Ms. Tracy also spoke about legislation to be proposed by the Mayor to prohibit smoking in parks and beaches. Cigarette butts are #1 source of beach litter. She asked the committee for the names of local groups that might be interested in supporting the legislation.
4. **Upcoming Borough Consultations** – The committee discussed questions for the Department of Environmental Protection at upcoming consultation on Sept. 20. Suggested questions included the number of noise complaints from CD 12, the cleaning of catch basins, the plans for replacing water mains and sewers, testing of water, whether DEP checks on the condition of asbestos in schools, etc.
5. **Initial Review of FY 12 Budget Priorities** – The committee briefly discussed its FY 11 budget priorities – nine Expense items and four Capital items – and agreed that it would be helpful to gather updated information to determine the current status of some of these issues.
6. **Old Business**
 - Mobil Gas Station, Broadway and W. 155th Street – I. Bing: not sure what action was taken by the Board of Standards and Appeals on the request for a zoning variance. We should ask that the vapor remediation system be kept in the adjacent building, 3740 Broadway, for another 1 or 2 years and that testing be continued. They should do a better form of testing using Summa canisters. The reports CB 12 received from the gas station's consultants showed the containment in 2007 and 2008 was OK. S. Simon: we could do a letter with our recommendations since CB 12 previously passed a reso on this subject and we would be reiterating our position.
 - Columbia University's Baker Field Project – I. Bing: This project was discussed at the Land Use Committee last night. Columbia sent a preliminary environmental assessment, which was "horrible." There were a lot of spills on the site, some are still open cases and can be seen on the DEC website. Columbia said last night that a new environmental assessment will be done. Some places where they are building are contaminated; factories were there before
7. **New Business**
 - Fuel Oil in Residential Buildings – S. Simon: The committee should consider supporting pending legislation to encourage landlords to switch to less polluting types of fuel oil. This should be on the agenda of a future meeting.
8. **Mail** – Received a notice that CUMC has applied for a new Title V permit for its boilers and incinerators.
9. **Announcements** – S. Simon: A free screening of "Gasland," a documentary about the use of hydro-fracking, a method of natural gas drilling that could endanger our upstate watershed, will take place at the Parks Dept. HQ, 830 Fifth Ave. (64th Street) on Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Simon, assisted by Deborah Blow.

**Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2010**

Committee Member

Andria Reyes
George Cruz
Frank Alvarez
Tony Lopez

Committee Absentees

Julissa Gomez
Manny Ed Los Santos

Board Members Attending

Cheryl Pahaham
Joe Wojak

Staffer: Ebenezer Smith

Guests: Lt. Nunez, NYPD 33rd Pct., Capt. Jose Navarro, NYPD 34th Pct., PO Francisco Rijo, NYPD-PBMN, PO Sapara, NYPD Man. Outreach Community Affairs, Sgt. Robert Mirabal-Community Affairs Headquarters, Sandra Harris, Columbia University, Carla Zaroni, E. Porter, Resident-854 W. 181st St., Thomas Sepulveda-Resident

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

Ms. Reyes, newly appointed chair for the Public Safety Committee, had the committee members introduce themselves.

Officer Navarro of the NYPD 34th Pct. command provided the group with a brief monthly report which indicated an increase in robberies and the decrease in the other crime categories for the 34 precinct area. Numbers of officers in 34th Pct. is now 130.

Mike Fitelson, Associate Publisher of the Manhattan Times asked for more information about the attempted rape of a jogger in Inwood Hill Park. Enforcement responded with a flier, which was distributed to the group and within the neighborhood. The police report having strategies in place and have alerted constituents about common sense tips, which are indicated on flier that was distributed. George Cruz suggested inviting Jennifer Hoppa get "PEP" officers (Parks Department officers) for assistance in the parks.

Lt. Nunez, NYPD, from the 33rd Pct provided the group with an overview of the crime index. He reported crime down in most categories except robberies, identity theft and grand larcenies.

Officer Francisco Rijo from the Patrol Borough Manhattan North reported that Chief William Morris has replaced Chief Philip Banks of Borough Manhattan North. He provided group with stats: hottest summer, increase in crimes overall, murders up by 3 in last month.

Sgt. Rob Mirabal, Community Officer and his partner will now attend public safety meetings. They assist all precincts in whatever is necessary. They also do gun initiatives, talk to kids, etc, in Manhattan North.

Ms. Porter, resident shared her concerns re: Dominican Day Parade she commented that the event should be stopped, because it perpetuates violence. She also indicated that outreach was done circulating info to have constituents stay inside their homes during the festivities.

Thomas Sepulveda, constituent voiced his concerns on the over saturation of vendors taking over the streets and people are blocking the walkways. He reported that there is a concern re: drug related operations everywhere; i.e. 184 Nagle Avenue drug spot buyers come from New Jersey also Dyckman & Nagle.

Captain Navarro's response to Mr. Sepulveda is that the precincts focus on such issues, and that many street vendors have been arrested for lack of proper licensing but that the arrests do not completely solve the problem. There was a suggestion that if an alternate location were available, it might minimize the problem of oversaturation of sidewalk vendors on certain blocks.

Cheryl Pahaham - Board member asked How are constituent complaints handled by law enforcement? Who safeguards the public from unfair practices by police? How can we be ensured of these practices?

Capt. Navarro shared an experience but agreed that the rights of the public should be respected. It should not be the conduct of any law enforcement officer to have an accusatory expression of the complaint. There are audits in place to insure these processes.

The reporting part of the meeting over, all were dismissed except committee members who stayed to discuss future meeting agendas and strategize for future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andria Reyes, typed by Deborah Blow

Land Use Committee Meeting – Minutes

September 1, 2010

Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
James Berlin
Isaiah Bing
Steve Simon

Committee Members Absent

Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
Tamara Rivera
Richard Allman

Board Members

Edith Prentiss

Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

Staffer: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Guests: David Bradherson-Pk Terrace E., Ruth Tobacco -Pk Terrace W., James Addis – Pk Terrace W., Sandra Harris-Columbia University, Laverna Fountain-Columbia University, Karen Zamir-Field Operations, Gary Tarnoff-Columbia University, Gail Addiss-Pk Terrace W., Mike Fitelson-Manhattan Times, Peggy Quisenberry-Seaman Avenue, Pat Courtney-Pk Terrace W., Thomas Sepulveda-Pk Terrace E., Carla Zanoni – DNAinfo.com, Dan Held, Brian Cook – MBPO, Erika Lindsey – MBPO, Susan Russell – Office of Councilman Robert Jackson

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.
2. Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin welcomed members of the Land Use Committee (“LU”, “Land Use” or the “Committee”) and guests back from the summer break and introduced two new staffers with the office of Borough President Scott Stringer - Brian Cook, who replaced Anthony Borrelli, and Erika Lindsey, who replaced Paimaan Lodhi. Mr. Cook has been with the office of the Manhattan Borough President (“MBPO”) for seven years; Ms. Lindsey is new to the office.
3. Land Use Chair Benjamin directed the attention of the Committee to Columbia University’s Baker Field project and the draft application (the “Application”) in which Columbia University (“CU”) requests various zoning modifications from the Department of City Planning. The Chair noted he prepared a summary of the modifications requested in the Application but neglected to forward it to the Community Board office for distribution to the Committee. The summary will be forwarded to the District Manager after the meeting for distribution to the Committee. The Chair then stated that LU and the Board need to give particular attention to two points: 1) CU needs to provide a public access area (“PAA”) of approximately 181,000 square feet along the shoreline of the Baker Field campus in order to comply with waterfront zoning requirements but is proposing a PAA of only about 21,000 square feet, of which roughly 9,000 square feet is on City-owned property; and 2) CU contends that in each and every instance where a zoning modification is requested, the end result is equal to or superior to what would be provided if strict conformance with zoning were provided. The Chair further stated that when CB12-M is asked by City Planning to consider the Application it is important not to lose sight of these two points.

Gary Tarnoff, Legal Counsel for CU, stated that zoning allows for the modifications to be requested if strict compliance is not possible. The Chair noted that LU understands that zoning modifications can be requested but that it is LU’s responsibility and ultimately the responsibility of the full Board to offer an opinion to City Planning as to the reasonableness and appropriateness of the requested modifications.

A member of the public asked what matter with respect to the Application was before the Committee. The Chair noted that the Committee in not voting on any matter tonight, Baker Field is on the agenda primarily for discussion in order to focus on the requested modifications, a presentation by CU was not

requested and that it is surprising that representatives of CU are in attendance and ready to make a PowerPoint presentation. A representative of CU stated that they were not asked to make a presentation; they saw the Baker Field item on the agenda and decided to attend so that they could answer any questions.

Representatives of CU made a brief PowerPoint presentation on the proposed wetland restoration park / marsh. The Committee learned that CU has modified its proposed plan so that the waterfront park will include an additional 11,000 square feet of city-owned waterfront property (between the proposed wetland park and the existing boat dock) and that CU will give its boat dock to the City and obtain a license agreement from the City that allows CU to continue to use it while making it available to the public at other times (i.e.: the dock will become a dual use property). The size of the revised PAA is approximately 36,000 square feet. CU noted that the additional space is not technically part of the Application and that the design presented is conceptual. Other modifications to the design of the entrance to and landscaping for the PAA were presented. Questions raised include why all of the city-owned land at the Baker Field waterfront was not included in the modified design, what type of easement CU will provide to permit the public to get to the boat dock it proposes to give to the City, will it make boat storage available to the public and what effort CU is making to address the matters outlined in the resolution passed by CB12-M earlier this year concerning the project.

A CU representative noted that the university worked very hard to achieve the modifications presented and continues to work hard to respond to community concerns. Susan Russell, representing Councilman Robert Jackson's office, stated that they are at the table with CU negotiating matters concerning the Baker Field project. CU stated that it expects City Planning to certify the Application on September 13th (once the Application is certified, it is forwarded to CB12-M for review and comment). Members of the public asked how they could stay in the loop on the status of the Application. The Chair urged them to sign up for CB12-M's mailing list and to get in touch with Councilman Jackson's office.

4. Land Use Chair Benjamin directed the attention of the Committee to the minutes of the June 22nd LU meeting, the resolution passed by LU at the June 22nd meeting requesting rezoning of certain C8 zoning districts in Washington Heights and Inwood and the C8 PowerPoint presentation. The Chair reminded the Committee that at the June 22nd meeting it was agreed not to present the resolution to the full board at the General Meeting scheduled for that evening in order to permit the C8 PowerPoint that was presented to LU by Planning Fellow Matthew Sloane in April to be presented to the full Board. The C8 presentation will be made to the Board at the September General Meeting and the resolution will be presented for consideration. While Matt is no longer CB12-M's planning intern, he has agreed to make the presentation to the Board in September.
5. Community resident Gail Addis raised a concern regarding reconstruction of the stepped street at 215th Street, noting that it is adjacent to one of the oldest homes in the area and is near a proposed historic district. She noted that certain design modifications proposed are inappropriate given this context. The Chair noted that the planning study conducted by the City College Architecture Center identified the district's stepped streets as potential items of interest for historic designation and suggested she bring the matter to the attention of CB12-M's Traffic and Transportation Committee and to the office of Councilman Robert Jackson.
6. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Benjamin

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES - MINUTES
September 2, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

George Fernandez, Chair
Glenda Swanson-Massa, Asst. Chair
Juan Alonzo
Frank Alvarez
Carol Mulligan

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Melanie Hidalgo
Alyce Smith
Manny DeLos Santos

BOARD MEMBER

Cheryl Pahaham
Julissa Gomez

Public Member: Anthony Parsons

Staff member: Paola Garcia

Guests: Luis Acosta-Housing Community Development Renewal

Meeting convened at 7:20 p.m., By Chair, George Fernandez

The meeting was supposed to start at 7 p.m. yet we were waiting for our invited guest Mr. Luis Acosta who called the office stating he was running late due to other obligations. While we waited we all introduced ourselves to each other and the public. Mr. Luis Acosta arrived at 7:18 p.m. and apologized for being late. George Fernandez then introduced Mr. Luis Acosta from the NY State Dept. of Housing Community Development Renewal and Mr. Acosta went right into who he was and what his years of experience are in his field as well as what services does his Agency provide. Many questions were on the minds of our members and were answered although a few were referred to call Mr. Acosta for further clarification but the main one was the following:

Question: **What is affordable housing?** The Generally accepted definition of affordability is for a household to pay no more than 30% of its annual income on Housing.

We all know that families who pay more than 30% of their income for housing especially in our district are considered cost burdened and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care. Mr. Acosta also mentioned that it is estimated that about 12 million renter and homeowner households now pay more than 50 percent of their annual incomes for housing, and a family with one full-time worker earning the minimum wage cannot afford the local fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment anywhere in the United States.

This where the NY State Department of Housing Community Development Renewal steps in because their mission is to make New York State a better place to live by supporting community efforts to preserve and expand affordable housing, home ownership and economic opportunities, and by providing equal access to safe, decent and affordable housing. They are able to try to accomplish this mission with three different types of Offices which handle a host of different programs as listed below

Office of Rent Administration – deals with Rent Control, Rent Stabilization, Emergency Tenant Protection Act. Etc...

Office of Housing – deals with issues involving Mitchell Lama, Public Housing, Section 8 & other programs etc...

Office of Community Development – deals with Federal & State Grants and Tax Credits for projects and programs etc...

Here are just Some of the many State-Funded Programs available:

Low-Income Housing Trust Fund Program – which provides funding to eligible applicants to construct low-income housing, to rehabilitate vacant, distressed or underutilized residential property (or portions of a property), or to convert vacant or underutilized non-residential property to residential use for occupancy by low-income homesteaders, tenants, tenant-cooperators or condominium owners. The Housing Trust Fund can also provide seed funding to eligible non-profit applicants who need financial assistance in developing a full Housing Trust Fund project application.

Homes for Working Families Program - Homes for Working Families (HWF) was initiated by the **Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)** in 1997 as a demonstration program, utilizing tax-exempt bond financing and 4 percent as-of-right Low-Income Housing Credit with Housing Trust Fund monies, an innovative approach to financing affordable housing for low-income families and senior citizens. Under the Homes for Working Families Program, HWF financing of up to \$35,000 per HTFC-assisted unit (\$45,000 in New York City) is provided to family or senior rental projects in which more than 50 percent of the project cost is financed by a public authority with tax-exempt bonds allocated from the State's Private Activity Bond Volume Cap. This enables the project to receive an allocation of 4 percent as-of-right Low-Income Housing Credit (LIHC) that is not included in the State's 9 percent tax credit ceiling.

Urban Initiatives Program - This program will provide grants to not-for-profit community based organizations and charitable organizations that have a direct interest in improving the health, safety and economic viability of a distressed urban neighborhood or other aspects of the area environment that are related to community preservation or renewal activities. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit corporations or charitable organizations, organized for a period of one or more years, which are either incorporated under the not-for-profit corporation law (together with any other applicable law) or, if unincorporated, are not organized for the private profit or benefit of its members and have been engaged primarily in community preservation activities and will serve a population with incomes at 80% or below the median annual income of all residents of the municipality within which they reside, taking family size into account.

Public Housing Modernization Program - The modernization program is an important source of funding for the State's portfolio of public housing. Since 1989, grants have been allocated on a multi-year basis for comprehensive, long-range modernization plans. The grants are used to replace or repair roofs, heating systems and ventilation work, renovate elevators, plumbing systems, modernize bathrooms and kitchens, replace existing windows and add storm windows. Improvements to a development can also include masonry re-pointing and repair, upgrading of electrical systems, landscaping, lead testing and asbestos abatement.

Public Housing Drug Elimination Program - The Public Housing Drug Elimination Program is a program that provides funds to local housing agencies (LHAs) for the purpose of reducing or eliminating drug-related crime in and around their public housing communities. For more info go to <http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us/Programs/AntiDrug/>

New York Main Street Program - The New York Main Street program provides financial resources and technical assistance to communities to strengthen the economic vitality of the State's traditional Main Streets and neighborhoods. The NY Main Street grant program provides funds from the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) to units of local government, business improvement districts,

and other not-for-profit organizations that are committed to revitalizing historic downtowns, mixed-use neighborhood commercial districts, and village centers.

RESTORE Program - Residential Emergency Services to Offer (Home) Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) Program utilizes funds which may be used to pay for the cost of emergency repairs to eliminate hazardous conditions in homes owned by the elderly when the homeowners cannot afford to make the repairs in a timely fashion

Access to Home Program - The Access to Home Program provides financial assistance to property owners to make dwelling units accessible for low- and moderate income persons with disabilities. Providing assistance with the cost of adapting homes to meet the needs of those with disabilities will enable individuals to safely and comfortably continue to live in their residences and avoid institutional care.

Some of the Federally –Funded Programs

HOME Investment Partnerships Program - The program uses federal HOME Investment Partnership Program funds to expand the supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing within the State. Approximately \$33 million is available for capital (multifamily) projects and local program administrators (single family projects) in 2008.

The HOME Program funds a variety of activities through partnerships with counties, towns, cities, villages, private developers, and community-based non-profit housing organizations. The program provides funds to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct housing, or to provide assistance to low-income home-buyers and renters. Funds must be distributed in accordance with needs and priorities identified in the State's Consolidated Plan

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program – The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program provides rental assistance and home ownership options to extremely low, very low and low income households in New York State. The program also provides assistance to senior citizens and disabled persons on fixed incomes, displaced families, and homeless individuals with disabilities. After a voucher is issued it remains with the family or individual as long as they remain eligible, even if they change residence. The dollar amount of HCV Program Housing Assistance Payments will vary depending on the income of the family or individual and the approved rent/mortgage for the unit. Families interested in applying for the HCV Program must obtain an application from the local Public Housing Authority (PHA). In New York City, DHCR operates the HCV Program through its Subsidy Services Bureau at

Subsidy Services Bureau
NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
25 Beaver Street, Room 673
New York, NY 10004
(212) 480-6672

Community Development Block Grant Program - the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides financial assistance to eligible cities, towns, and villages with populations under 50,000 and counties with an area population under 200,000, in order to develop viable communities by providing decent, affordable housing, and suitable living environments, as well as expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The state must ensure that no less than 70% of its CDBG funds are used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The program objectives are achieved by supporting activities or projects that: benefit low- and moderate-income families; create job opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons; prevent or eliminate

slums and blight; or address a community development need that poses a serious and imminent threat to the community's health or welfare

There are also many resources on the internet such as **Affordable Housing Opportunities at DHCR** (Division of Housing and Community Renewal). An example of this is the New York State **Affordable Housing Directory** (AHD) which is a resource designed to assist in locating affordable rental housing and organizations that provide community-based housing assistance in the State of New York. More info can be found on (AHD) by visiting

<http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us/ahd/>

There are many more programs not listed so how is that they get the word out to the public about many of these programs? Well they have Unified Funding, Open Window Programs as well as Housing Seminars and Workshops and also Technical Assistance sessions and conferences which are held either exclusively through them or in collaboration with Non-Profit organizations in our districts and surrounding communities. If you would like to get more info on everything Mr. Acosta covered which are too long to draft in these minutes please visit

<http://nysdhcr.gov/>

This meeting ended on or about 9:20 P.m.

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