

Community Board 12
Executive Committee
October 17, 2022, Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

- Eleazar Bueno, Chair
- Katherine Diaz, 1st Vice Chair
- Angel Vasquez, 2nd Vice Chair
- Mary Anderson
- Isidro Medina
- Joel Abreu
- Jim Berlin
- Emily Marte
- Fe Florimon
- Debby Nabavian
- Francisco Lopez

1. Call to order – Eleazar Bueno, Chair

- a. Chair Bueno called the meeting to order at 6:38pm

2. Executive committee went into executive session

3. Board Chair’s Report – Eleazar Bueno

- a. Public Safety Report -- Eleazar Bueno, Interim Chair
 - i. There were members of two gangs who got into an altercation with one person fatally shot by a police officer and the other injured.
 - ii. The crime numbers have been decreasing across both police precincts.
 - iii. An organization presented to the committee on a plan to have a New Years Eve celebration near United Palace. The 33rd police precinct immediately objected as they do not believe they will have the resources that day considering most resources are required to go down to Times Square for the celebration.
- b. Board received a letter from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on increasing the monkeypox vaccinations in northern Manhattan. Over 140,000 first and second doses have been administered at over 20 sites across the city.

4. District Manager’s Report – Ebenzer Smith

- a. The district service cabinet meeting is scheduled for this Thursday.
- b. On the corner 165th Street and Amsterdam Ave. there is re-construction of ramps that has taken too long. He’s put in a request to have the construction work expedited.
- c. The office will be putting out the budget review documents on 10/18 at noon before the budget hearing schedule for the evening of 10/18.

5. Review of Future Meetings

- a. Review of November 2022 Calendar
- b. Review of December 2022 Calendar

- c. Emily Marte asks about committee meeting date assignments. Ebenezer says the dates have been as such for the last 15 years. For changes to the calendar, a person needs to bring it up to the executive committee for approval. Committee meetings need to happen before the executive committee meeting and traditionally they have not happened on Fridays.

6. Committee Report

- a. Youth & Education – Chair, Fe Florimon
 - i. Did not have quorum for the committee meeting, which means the committee was unable to complete the budget review task. With that said, most of the items will stay as they were for last year.
 - ii. The Youth and Police Building Bridges event was a success despite the weather being a challenge. The event was advertised on LinkNYC and she had the support of all of the local elected officials. Board membership attendance was disappointingly low and encourages members to attend next year.
- b. Traffic & Transportation – Chair, Debby Nabavian
 - i. October and April are the months the committee considers co-naming. The first is for John Collado, who was killed by an officer after trying to break up a fight in 2011. It was a good Samaritan situation that went wrong. The resolution on the co-naming passed the committee strongly.
- c. Concerns of the Aging – Chair, Mary Anderson
 - i. Had a presentation about living better with low vision and how the Lighthouse Guild works with seniors who have limited vision.
 - ii. The committee reviewed their budget items for the budget hearing this week.
- d. Health & Environment – Chair, Steve Simon
 - i. Received an update on New York Presbyterian's health plan for the neighborhood.
 - ii. Urged NYP to conduct an aggressive campaign to get people vaccinated for COVID and other diseases.
 - iii. Positivity rates for the week prior to the committee meeting were lower than the rest of the city. There were still 129 new cases in that week. In the month since September almost 1,200 new cases in our district and 9 people have died.
 - iv. Will receive a status update from New York State Nurses Association on their contract negotiations with the hospital.
- e. Housing & Human Services – Acting Chair, Emily Marte
 - i. 37 Hillside Ave weekend extension issue was discussed again. There was a back and forth of questions and discussions. The committee was unable to resolve because the committee does not feel like they have enough knowledge on permits and what the DOB can approve.
 - ii. The budget ranking was done and submitted.
 - iii. Under old business, committee members wanted to see the impact of the most recent rent increases; and committee members also wanted to know if an Armory hearing will take place.
 - iv. 705 West and 709 West on 170th street on the distressed properties list need some urgency.

- v. Debby Nabavian and Angel Vasquez express frustration about the delay on this project. Angel wants to know how many tenants are showing up to oppose the extended hours?
 - vi. Katherine offers advice on how to guide process.
 - vii. Steve shared that the question is whether the developer can have the extended hours, not whether we can build more affordable housing.
 - viii. The developer keeps coming back to us with the request because the tenants who come to board continue to hold the line.
- f. Business Development – Chair, Francisco Lopez
- i. Committee reached a quorum to review the budget items.
 - ii. Old business on cannabis. Wanted to pass on to members of the community that applications have open.
 - iii. Spoke about the office of night life, which is a new office supporting our city's nightlife. Joel is asking for the office to visit the committee to present on resources available.
- g. Park & Cultural Affairs – Chair, Liz Ritter
- i. Absent.
 - ii. Chair Bueno read from an email she submitted stating that the Anne Loftus Park is open again and has been well received b
- h. Land Use – Chair, Wayne Benjamin
- i. Absent
- i. Licensing – Chair, Isidro Medina
- i. Shortest meeting so far during his tenure.
 - ii. Will present on 9 resolutions.
- 7. Old Business/New Business/Adjournment**
- a. We need to resolve the issue of transportation enforcement and whether it will fall in public safety or transportation.
 - b. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.