

## Community Board 12

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# Business Development Committee

Minutes for December 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Present:** Jason E. Compton, Obie Bing, Eleazer Bueno, Sara Fisher, Rud Morales

**Excused:** Pamela Palanque-North

**Absent:** Jonathan Reyes, Glennis Aquino

## 1. Welcome / Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM by Jason E. Compton.

Jason E. Compton presided as Chair and he was also taking minutes.

Public and Committee members were welcomed.

Having there been no adjustments to the set agenda, the agenda was finalized.

## 2. New Business

### Dyckman Corridor Bike-Lane

Jose Moronta presented a case in opposition to the newly designed bike lanes in front of his business (809 NYC). The business representative stated that they have already lost business secondary to the new traffic patterns. It was explained that the newly installed bike lanes present an extremely difficult scenario for parking. Drop off of materials and or clients is virtually impossible.

Paul J. Hintersteiner presented his case as a concerned resident of the area. Paul detailed how at 3:00PM the M100 bus took about 15 minutes to get from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Broadway. Bumper to bumper traffic was the cause of the delay. It was explained that cars were unable to get in and out of parking spaces. Paul presented this case to the Business Development Committee concerned that these Bike-Lane changes will adversely affect our local businesses.

A group discussion followed listing the following concerns:

- Traffic flow changes present a problem for our first responders (Fire, Police, Medical)
- Garbage removal becomes extremely difficult
- Minimal bike users have been seen in our community
- Large trucks only have a few inches of clearance from parked cars

- Additional hazards are being created with cars switching lanes to oncoming traffic to avoid obstacles in the one available lane

While there was an understanding that all evidence presented was anecdotal, there was an overall consensus that the bike lanes are having a negative impact on our community (specifically local businesses).

The committee was reminded that the Dyckman Bike-Lane initiative was approved by a previous resolution of the Traffic & Transportation subcommittee. That resolution was requested by our committee and reviewed in front of the public. It should be noted that, while the resolution was in favor of the Bike-Lanes it was in favor of (1) Bike-Lane ONLY on the south side of Dyckman. The current Bike-Lanes take both the North AND South sides of Dyckman.

There was a request by both the committee and the public to have an additional discussion on the matter. Co-Chair, Jason E. Compton stated he will reach out to the Chair Jonathan Reyes, as well as CB12 Chair Shah to review our options. It was also recognized that it is of the utmost importance that the Business Development subcommittee connect with the Traffic & Transportation subcommittee to make sure we are all “on the same page”.

### **3. Old Business**

#### Street Vending Modernization Act Discussion

Chair Jonathan Reyes has been working to contact the involved parties to help determine what role, if any, the CB12 Business Development Committee will have with the Washington Heights/Inwood Food Council policy statement for the Street Vending Modernization Act. Unfortunately the Chair was unable to attend this meeting. Co-Chair Jason E. Compton had no information on the progress of the chair. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

#### 2420 Amsterdam Avenue Hotel – Hiring Process

Co-Chair Jason E. Compton had nothing new to report. We will keep this item on future agendas to make sure we can keep track of previous agreements on the hiring process.

#### GWB Terminal Market-Mercado

Construction has begun on the Gap and the Supermarket. We will keep this item on future agendas to make sure we can keep track of previous agreements on the hiring process.

### **4. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Obie Bing  
Second: Jason E. Compton