

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN
Executive Committee Meeting
530 West 166th Street, New York, New York

April 17, 2017
Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present: S. Ally [Chair R. Lewis (1st Vice Chair. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); J. Reyes (Treasurer & Chair, Business Development); Y Alonzo, (Chair, Traffic & Transportation); Mary Anderson (Asst. Chair Aging); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); Gerard Dengel (Assistant Chair, Licensing); Osi Kaminer, (Asst. Chair Parks & Cultural Affairs); Isidro Medina (Chair, Licensing); R. Allman, (Chair, LGBT and By-Laws Task Forces); Osi Kaminer (Asst. Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs); J. Berlin (Parliamentarian);

Excused: E. Lorris Ritter (Secretary& Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs); L. Saneaux, (Chair, Concerns of the Aging)

Absent: Ayisha Ogilvie (Chair, Housing & Human Services); Fe Florimon, (Chair, Youth & Education; Steve Simon, (Chair, Health & Environment);

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Others Present: Sandra Harris, Asst. VP, Government & Community Affairs, CUMC; Mehreen Bhatt; Ely Silvestre

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Chair, Shah Ally.

- ~ New members to CB 12 are expected to be at the next General Meeting.
- ~ The Public Safety Committee is looking for a new Chair. Richard Lewis is interim Chair. Javier Trejo, Asst. Chair is unable to assume the role of Chairman due to time constraints.
- ~ He has to leave at about 8:15 and Richard Lewis will chair the rest of the meeting.

Presentation: Sandra Harris, Assistant Vice President, Government & Community Affairs, Columbia University Medical Center.

- ~ Introduced the Northern Manhattan Agenda Collaborative, a consortium of Northern Manhattan non-profits originally created by Councilman Rodriguez but now set to function as an independent body.
- ~ Sandra Harris & Yvonne Stennet, Executive Director, CLOTH are the Co-Chairs.
- ~ On May 3rd, there will be half day session of the Collaborative to work on mission, policies, vision, etc.
- ~ The Collaborative is intended to enhance what the Community Board does and not interfere with or replicate the work of the Board.
- ~ The Collaborative is looking for a coordinator, work space, resources and a budget since it is not funded.
- ~ Sandra will keep the Board updated as to the progress of the Collaborative

Chair's Report: Shah Ally reported the following:

- ~ Reviewed the May and June calendars.
- ~ Either May 9th or 16th will be set aside for the orientation of new CB 12 members.

- ~ There will be at least 8 new members. 2 Members of CB 12 were no re-appointed.

District Manager's Report: Ebenezer Smith reported the following:

- ~ There were 25 resumes received for the Community Board Assistant position.
- ~ 10 Applicants were interviewed by Ebenezer and Paola Garcia. Each was given a quiz about what the Community Board does.
- ~ There are (2) finalists for the position who will be interviewed this evening.

8:00 pm - Motion to go into Executive Session by Richard Lewis; Seconded by Isidro Medina

9:15 pm – Motion to end Executive Session - Wayne Benjamin; Seconded by Richard Lewis

Committee Reports:

Business Development – Jonathan Reyes, Chair, reported the following:

- ~ Jason Compton, Assistant Chair, chaired the last meeting.
- ~ Orlando Ovalles, Chief of Staff for Assemblyman De La Rosa, spoke about the Port Authority Town Hall meeting.
- ~ Ulysses Grosso of Work Force 1 spoke about holding the first Job Fair. related to the new job opportunities. He is working with the Washington Heights Chamber of Commerce and the CB 12's Business Development Committee.
- ~ There is an interest in learning about new job opportunities that may arise from the new Young & Woo/ Moran Group development plans..

Traffic & Transportation - Yadira Alonzo, Chair, reported the following:

- ~ There were no resolutions at the last meeting
- ~ There will be a DOT sponsored Public Workshop on Thursday, April 20th at 6:00pm at PS 5 to discuss the planned traffic problems, bike lanes and other issues on Dyckman Street.
- ~ There was a discussion of the redirection of traffic on 219th & 220th Streets in accordance with the grid. The local school has requested the change and DOT has agreed. The local car wash business objects and plans to attend the next meeting on May 1 in Inwood, That meeting will also cover the repairs of the Broadway Bridge.
- ~ CB 9 is renewing its proposal regarding the Amsterdam Avenue Bike Lanes and plans to attend the meeting in May. They want CB 12 to pass a similar Resolution to the one they propose. DOT plans to replicate the same plans in CB 12.

Land Use – Chair, Wayne Benjamin, Chair, reported the following:

- ~ There are new land use staff liaisons at the Manhattan Borough President's office.
- ~ There was a presentation by HPD & the NYPL on the planned mixed use development. A draft Report is due for review and comment to CB 12. The final report will become part of the ROF which will be sent to the developers.
- ~ It was reported that at the workshops that had occurred regarding this proposal, 40% voted for an "As of Right" building – not for unzoning.
- ~ HPD and NYPL will be meeting with the Youth & Education and Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee of CB 12.

Licensing – Chair, Isidro Medina, Chair, reported the following:

- ~ At the last Committee meeting on Aril 16th, they used a new questionnaire.
- ~ There were (20) agenda items.
 - (6) renewals – 2 rejected; 4 approved
 - (1) corporate change
 - (4) new licenses – all failed or withdrawn
 - (1) Sidewalk Café (Anchor Heights) – rejected by the Committee because not supported by NYPD – but since has been changed Discussion as to whether an approval can be considered at the full Board meeting.
 - (1) Hudson Heights – unenclosed sidewalk license application rejected

Parks and Cultural Affairs: Osi Kaminer, Assistant Chair, r reported the following:

- ~ There was a presentation about the slave burial ground inside the MTA yard on 207th Street. More research will be done and there may be a Resolution.
- ~ There will a meeting on regarding the J Hood Right playground on April 19th.

Public Safety – Richard Lewis, Interim, reported the following:

- ~ There was a presentation by the Postal Inspector about recent thefts.
- ~ The 33rd Precinct presented current crime statistics. Grand Larceny is the most common crime.
- ~ The Manhattan DA's office spoke about domestic violence.

Committee for the Concerns of the Aging: Mary Anderson, Assistant Chair reported

- ~ There was a presentation by Martha Matos of Riverstone on Caregiver Support.
- ~ The Riverstone Gala is April 19th.
- ~ Councilmen Rodriguez and Levine have arranged for (2) new computers for each senior center.
- ~ CHALK is sponsoring (2) food markets at 168th & 175th Street and wants the seniors to have tables at these markets.

Housing & Human Services, Richard Lewis reported the following:

- ~ 421 A was passed by NYS legislature and will be signed by the Governor. It is a win for developers. Tenants are protected for a period of 40 years up from 25 years. The committee is putting together a Resolution concerning terms and conditions on the 421 A regulations.
- ~ \$2.5 million has been set aside for affordable housing.

Announcements:

Isidro Medina announced that the BID is sponsoring (2) events:

- (1) A Health & Beauty Expo 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Betty Shabaaz Center
- (2) A Earth Day on April 22 from 181 to 190th street on St. Nicholas Ave. CB 12 to have a table.

The meeting adjourned at 10: 12 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann – May 15, 2017