

**Community Board 12, Manhattan**  
**Minutes of the November 22, 2016 General Meeting**  
**GWHS Educational Complex Auditorium (549 Audubon Ave., NYC 10040)**

**Board Members Present:** Richard Allman, Shahabuddeen Ally, Yahaira Alonzo, Mary Anderson, Glennis Aquino, Anita Barberis, Wayne Benjamin, James Berlin, Jennifer Chung, Daryl Cochrane, Jason Compton, Gerard Dengel, Aldemar de Jesus Diaz, Natalie Espino, Fe Florimón, Barbara Frazier, Mitchell Glenn, Fern Hertzberg, Yosef Kalinsky, Andrea Kornbluth, Elizabeth Lehmann, Richard Lewis, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Maria Luna, Jay Mazur, Isidro Medina, Rud Morales, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Deborah Nabavian, Ayisha Ogilvie, Pamela Palanque-North, Lilliana Saneaux, Arlene Schulman, Steve Simon, Carlos Suero, Luis Tapia, Javier Trejo, Felipe Wytik Sanchez. **Member Excused:** Osi Kaminer. **Members Absent:** Isaiah "Obie" Bing, Robin Cruz, Katherine Diaz, Domingo Estevez, Wanda Garcia, Esteban Nembhard, Maurice Owen-Michaane, Jonathan Reyes, Angela Sanchez, Karen Taylor. **Staff:** Ebenezer Smith.

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6:55pm **Introductory remarks by the Chair**, quorum having been achieved. Thanks and a round of applause to member Javier Trejo, also Principal at GWHS Educational Campus for hosting this evening's meeting.

6:56pm **Adoption of the agenda:** Motion by Mary Anderson; multiple seconds. Motion by Shah Ally to note that the Business Section begins at the conclusion of the Public Session, and to add a second Executive Committee resolution to item VII; 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Lorris Ritter. Approved as amended.

6:58pm **Approval of Minutes of October meeting:** motion by Gerard Dengel; second by Jason Compton. Amend by ELR that all "absent" members are excused due to provision of bylaws that the meeting was held on a date other than its usual date. Approved as corrected.

7:01pm **Highlights of Chair's report**, the full text of which is included in members' packets:

- Awaiting confirmation from GWB Bus Station developer regarding scheduling of a public meeting to discuss updates to construction and that project's progress. Many local businesses are suffering from the project's delays, as is local traffic.
- 2017 Uptown ArtStroll poster call for submissions. Grand price \$750. See flyer. Entries due by Fri., 2/24/17 at 5pm.
- Presented and discussed December 2016 calendar; CB12 holiday party tentatively scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Noted there was filming of a TV show, and they contacted board office to find out local orgs to which to send a small donation in consideration of inconvenience. They reached out to several groups, and wound up giving a small grant (\$750) to the W. 181<sup>st</sup> St. Beautification Project. Maria Luna suggested that film companies should hire locally and eat locally and not just bring in catering trucks. Chair noted that the Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Media & Entertainment (formerly Film, Theatre & Broadcasting) has made proposals about giving dining credits rather than catering trucks, using hotels instead of trailers, and also that they have a moratorium list for areas that are over-saturated for filming.

7:04pm **Highlights of District Manager's report**, the full text of which is included in members' packets:

- FY'18 Capital & Expense priorities were submitted to OMB and sent to all Board members. Contact office for copies.
- CB12 office has been reconfigured to move DM's office to a former corner storage area; main room now available for a larger space for Committees and other meetings.
- MBPO workshops for nonprofits for FY'18 capital grants on 11/29 & 11/30, 12/8 @ 1pm & 4pm. \$20m available.
- DoB and DSNY are offering fine forgiveness for property owners, if outstanding or in adjudication process. Program ends December 12<sup>th</sup>. There are many violations in the 10033 ZIP code alone.
- Ribbon cutting for teen floor at WH NYPL, Friday 12/2 at noon.
- Note to committee chairs: if you have any changes to your agenda items for December, please advise ASAP so I can send correct version to the public tomorrow when I send out hard copy.

Richard Lewis expressed concern about possible waiving of fines to property owners: how do we know if the issue has been resolved and fixed? A: yes, I agree, violations must be cured.

7:16pm **Report from Assemblymember Guillermo Linares, 72<sup>nd</sup> CD**

- Thanked Ebenezer for his hard work.

- What a difference one election makes. We'll have our work cut out for us. A lot of work to do to protect our district, our constituents, our country, and perhaps all of humanity.
- Thanked his Office staff: more than 9,000 constituents served.
- Legislative achievements: rent regulation, minimum wage, and other accomplishments.
- Brought \$6.5m in the last 2 years, mostly capital, to libraries, to every single school, and to many local non-profits.

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7:20pm **Public Session** (time-keeping by Gerard Dengel)

**Mary Anderson, People's Theatre Project:** We create multi-age, bi-lingual plays out of personal stories. Next set of performances, suitable for teens and adults, on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> at the Alianza Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Danita Nichols & Kassandre Innocent, NYPL (Inwood & FW, respectively):** noted upcoming events. Reiterated the teen space at the WH library on St. Nicholas Ave. @ W. 162<sup>nd</sup> St. Exciting new teen space with computers and more.

**Al Kurland, PAL:** announced community forum, 12/1, 3:30-6:30, in collaboration with the Joint Remediation Project, to give mediators the chance to talk about their experiences with law enforcement and have open community discussion of same. Organized forum for 100 young people, aged <25. Lots of forums throughout city for adults. Also, free screening of film, The Thirteenth, on abuses of 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment. 12/8 @ 6pm at Malcolm X Ballroom.

7:27pm **Report from Councilmember Mark Levine, 7<sup>th</sup> CD**

- Noted widespread anxiety. Concern that Feds will look at those receiving NYCID to find undocumented immigrants. Looking at legality of destroying that information so those data can't be accessed, as well as other legal means, including, not cooperating w/ Fed on requests for data (e.g., people in NYPD custody) for purposes of deportation.
- Gas leaks, legislation on safety protection. Must have trained, qualified, prepared people working on gas lines. In NYC today there is no training, experience or qualifications required, as long as you are under supervision of a master plumber, except that person doesn't need to be onsite. NYC Council passed a bill requiring that anyone working on a gas line must have some training and supervision.
- Street vendors: we love our vendors and they are part of the American dream and small business landscape, but we must have a permitting process to ensure that enforcement is appropriate, consistent, and fair, and that it is taken out of the hands of precinct police who don't have adequate resources to do it. Large black market for permits, capped since the 80's at 3,000, and many vendors are not permitted at all. Legislation also requires that prices be posted, that DoT post signage where vending is allowed/prohibited; encourages use of alternative fuels; accept credit cards (so as also to capture sales taxes which revenues are usually lost). Barbara Frazier asked about indentured servitude of vendors' "employees". A: we are looking at that. It's harder than it sounds: vendors need breaks and it's also appropriate to have multiple shifts. Looking at technology such as fingerprinting. Q: Maria Luna: health/hygiene concerns for vendors in terms of bathrooms, handwashing, etc. Also, commercial rents, and what can we do to make it more affordable so that vendors can move into stores. A: Noted pending legislation, the Small Business Protection Act, which has been stalled for decades but we still are working on it.
- Q: Mitchell Glenn, update regarding HDFC situation we heard about in September? A: HPD is looking at reforming the HDFC sector. There is a significant number of these affordable coops which are in financial or physical distress or having governance fights; these are only about 20-25% of HDFCs. Other HDFC units are being sold at very high rates. Proposed rules however could have unintended consequences of harming otherwise healthy and stable HDFCs. Many of these have social and fiscal strength which has helped turn around their communities. I remain open to continue to talk about how to help those coops in distress without harming the broader sector, but HPD is focused on its proposed legislation, which I do not support.

7:43pm **Report from Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer:**

- Noted recent addition of the Little Kids rock music program at GWHS; thanks to Catholic Charities for their support.
- Rchoed C/M Levine's comments on vendors and small businesses; also advocating for mom-and-pop stores; we must find a way to save them, perhaps through zoning. We are very much working on this.
- Diabetes workshops to educate community and reduce rates of this chronic disease in Latino community.

- More workshops; kudos to CB12 members for showing up in great numbers to various training workshops.
- Please make sure non-profits apply for capital funding. Must attend workshops, but should apply. Most groups who apply get something.
- CB12 has vacancies; we are currently accepting applications; please apply, and spread the word.
- Working with DSNY on trash removal to make more efficient, less disruptive.
- Payee Information Portal (PIP): mechanism for direct payment for services rendered to City, especially useful for smaller vendors with tighter cash-flow. NYC buys a lot of services; we should do more of it from small businesses.

7:49pm **Caterina Rivera, City Harvest:** delivering 10,000 turkeys to hundreds of organizations throughout the city. Working with the Community League of the Heights on their food-share project, a more affordable (because it's subsidized) CSA. Looking for new sites. They have one at their W. 157<sup>th</sup> site, and another at the Columbia University Partnership of Health on W. 178<sup>th</sup> St. They are looking to add a third site in northern WH, or Inwood. WH/I food council. Met last week. Having a holiday gathering on Tues 12/13 at OSA. Also doing a field trip to the super-Associated at the former site of the Pathmark.

**Jairo de la Paz, Restaurateur:** Owns Marcha Cocina on W. 173<sup>rd</sup> St., and a place in the Village. I've been in restaurant industry since the age of 16. My restaurants are Michelin recommended, and written up in the New York Times. We don't do hookah; we don't sell to minors. SLA has called me a model restaurateur. I tried to request a liquor license for a Memphis-style BBQ spot, Fat Pig, at 120 Dyckman. You've got other spots there that you always fight with, and yet you approve them, but you won't approve mine. Why not? <Note: no item on this evening's agenda; item pending in December for beer & wine license.>

**Natalie Espino, CUNY in the Heights:** Mark your calendars / Save the Date for our winter open house, Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am-3pm. Community partners are invited to table. Also: annual Winter Wonderland Toy Drive. For a donation of one toy, you have your photo taken with Santa. (And we'll have the \*real\* Santa!) Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, noon-3pm.

**Elizabeth Lorris Ritter,** representing several non-profit Boards & Advisory Committees, announced upcoming events:

- The Anthropologists, "No Man's Land," a provocative new play exploring race and agency, through Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>
- CORNER Project annual fundraiser at Shabazz Center, Weds., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-9pm
- Cornerstone Chorale's Fall/Winter concert, American Folk Songs, Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Holyrood Church
- Beth Am the People's Temple klezmer concert w/ Hot Pstromi, Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm, 110 Cabrini Blvd.

7:57pm **Frank Hess for Assemblymember Herman "Denny" Farrell, Jr., 71<sup>st</sup> AD:** See report in envelope. One issue still in front of us in 2016 is 421-a, which may come up this month or in early December. Sticking point is disagreement between the Governor and Mayor re: workers' salary guaranties. Happy Thanksgiving and happy holidays to all.

7:58pm **Jessica Reynosa for NYC Public Advocate Tish James:** apologies for having our last Town Hall at same date as your October General Meeting; we had scheduled that date before the CB12 meeting was changed due to the Jewish holidays. We will be doing another Town Hall on transportation, hopefully in December. The Public Advocate is calling for Medicaid funding for improved imaging technology in lieu of mammograms.

7:59pm **Laurie Tobias Cohen for NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat, 31<sup>st</sup> SD:** Sen. Espaillat is leading a delegation to the DR for the Hispanic Federation Summit to enhance economic cooperation between New York State and Caribbean nations, and to foster a commitment to public service, enhanced by our common ties. He also is engaged in a transition from the NY Senate to US Congress. Earlier this month he partnered with Mt. Sinai urgent care center for a 'flu shot clinic, which was scheduled from 3pm – 7pm to accommodate working parents. Also working on food relief in the wake of catastrophic flooding in the DR, and visited NY National museum of African-American History & Culture.

8:01pm **Mariel de la Cruz for NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer:** working on programs for people to work on retirement since many people don't have those benefits.

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8:05pm **Committee Reports**

**Richard Allman, Chair, Nominating Committee:** Thanks to Gerard Dengel, Wanda Garcia, and Ysidro Medina for their work on the Committee. First task is to determine who's eligible to run for office: must have attended 2/3 of both General and Committee meetings, have been on Board for at least a year, and not have served on the Nominating Committee. 29 Board members qualified. There are six positions: Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. We will accept nominations from the floor for any of these offices. So far the following have expressed interest in serving for the following positions: Shahabuddeen Ally, Chair; Richard Lewis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; Arlene Schulman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair; and Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary. Treasurer and Assistant Secretary are currently vacant. There were no additional nom for the Offices of Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairs, or Secretary. For Treasurer, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter nominated Jim Berlin, who declined. Betty Lehmann nominated Pamela Palanque North, who declined. Luis Tapia nominated himself; the Committee will check the attendance record to ensure that they are correct and he meets the requirements. For the Office of Assistant Secretary, Pamela Palanque North nominated Betty Lehmann, who accepted. Luis Tapia nominated Pricilla Mota-Willis, who declined. Hearing no further nominations for any of the positions, Richard Allman declared nominations closed. Elections will be conducted at the December General Meeting, at which candidates will present themselves and speak briefly.

9:19pm **Wayne Benjamin, Land Use Committee Chair:** Resolution supporting a proposed W. 158<sup>th</sup> Street Rowhouse District, and requesting that the LPC work more cooperatively with the community to make this happen. The Audubon Historical District, created in 2009, omitted this area for designation. CB12 had recommended it be included at that time, but the Landmarks Preservation Commission did not do this. Last year and earlier this year neighbors put together an application for the row houses, which are actually older than the apartments included in the prior district. They weren't included because they are different. Just because they are architecturally different doesn't diminish their historical significance, as they tell the story of the urbanization of uptown. The proposed district would cover both sides of W. 158<sup>th</sup> Street, increasing it to 18 buildings from the originally proposed 12. Richard Lewis: there are two vacant lots in that area; will this designation affect the possibility of their development? A: that served as a community garden initially. We would want to include it, in part for air rights, which could transfer to any of the eight adjacent buildings and enable a larger development. There is another lot which is owed by the City and is used by DOT for "Safety City"; there is no desire by the City to change this, and it is outside of the proposed designated district. Mitchell Glenn: it seems that some of the people in the proposed area don't support this? A: No many of the people who worked on it initially have since died, so they obviously aren't in a position to support it. Some are owned now by speculators, who don't have a vested interest in preserving local history. Pam Palanque North: how many historical districts are there in CB12? A: Three: Audubon Park, Audubon Terrace, Jumel Terrace. Very few areas in CD12 are graced/protected by LPC; we haven't received the same level of attention as other areas in the City. Jim Berlin: is Audubon Lane a mapped street? A: we think it was de-mapped in the 70's, but we are checking on that; that's one of the things that the historical landmarking would be looking to protect, and to give it back its name, and to remap it if it's been de-mapped. In closing, Mr. Benjamin recognized the Committee's Assistant Chair, Andrea Kornbluth, for taking excellent minutes.

8:30pm Chair Ally recognized and gave an award to Angela Fernandez, Executive Director of the Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrants Rights, for that organization's vital contribution to the community and to her for her recent appointment to the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB).

9:23pm **Aldemar de Jesus Diaz, Licensing Committee Chair:** Re: item #4, to recommend Guadalupe Bar & Grill: 34<sup>th</sup> Pct. Spoke with owners regarding double-parking. Re #7, to not approve Rush Tapas Bar: multiple underage drinking violations, sale to minor(s) in June and Sept, leading to arrest of an employee. Also some DEP violations for noise, as well as a fight among patrons. Owners alleged, after being asked, that they had no video. Despite signed/notarized stipulation that they'd close at 2am, they have been closing at 4am. There is a statement from Moving Forward Unidos requesting that the application be rejected, citing a variety of quality-of-life concerns. Update from 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct. re #9, Villas Lounge 2 for underage sales; also found to have five violations (one noise, one fire safety, three SLA) back in March. NYPD subsequently returned on Oct 1 & 15, and were not able to engage in underage sales, so at least the establishment seems to have improved compliance in this regard. #12, Up Thai, has attempted to meet w/ 34<sup>th</sup> Pct., which hasn't yet scheduled anything. Richard Lewis moved that #9 be amended include the negative comments we have received to date; accepted as friendly. Also moved that it be amended to be a negative resolution, opposing the

application. Jim Berlin, Point of Order: Per the Executive Committee passed last night, if a positive resolution fails, it automatically becomes a negative resolution that passes. As the motion was moot, it was withdrawn.

8:41pm **Executive Committee: One-Year Moratorium on New SLS OPL Licenses in Inwood**

- 1) Last night ExCom approved all of October’s Licensing Committee items (of which there were 15), as well as a Land Use Committee item (#16) and two Traffic & Transportation Committee items (#17 & #18) due to lack of quorum at Oct. General Meeting. The Executive Committee also introduced a procedural motion to be applied at the December general meeting, and which would be added going forward as “Item #0” to all future agendas which include Licensing matters. Some of these items were amended; see full list below.

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| 1.  | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA grant a renewal OPL License to Hudson Fulton Corp., d/b/a Indian Road Café & Market (600 W. 218 <sup>th</sup> St. @ Indian Road)                            | 12-1-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 2.  | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA grant a renewal OPL License to Saggio (829 W. 181 <sup>st</sup> St. btw. Cabrini/Pinehurst)   | 11-1-0-1 | <i>pass</i> |
| 3.  | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to not recommend</b> the SLA grant a renewal OPL License to Trio’s Café & Lounge d/b/a Arka Lounge (4488 B’way @ W. 192 <sup>nd</sup> St.)   | 12-1-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 4.  | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to not recommend</b> the SLA grant a renewal OPL License to Di’Vino Lounge, d/b/a Nitro Lounge (565 W. 207 <sup>th</sup> St. btw. Vermilyea/Sherman)                                 | 13-0-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 5.  | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA grant a renewal OPL License to Punto de Sabor (1464 St. Nicholas Ave. btw W. 183 <sup>rd</sup> /W. 184 <sup>th</sup> St.)                                   | 12-1-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 6.  | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to not recommend</b> the SLA grant a renewal Tavern Wine License to Villas Lounge @ (130-132 Audubon Ave., @ W. 172)   | 13-0-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 7.  | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA grant a renewal Restaurant Wine License to Ceci Restaurant (78 Sherman Ave., btw. Thayer/Dyckman)   | 9-3-1-0  | <i>pass</i> |
| 8.  | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA grant a renewal Tavern Wine License to La Minta Restaurant (3855 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave. @ W. 206 <sup>th</sup> St.)  | 12-1-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 9.  | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA grant a renewal Eating Place Beer License to Teddy’s Variety, d/b/a Elsa La Reina del Chicharron (4840 Broadway @ Academy)                                  | 12-1-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 10. | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to not recommend</b> the SLA grant a new OPL License to La Case del Mofongo (546 W. 207 <sup>th</sup> St. @ Sherman Ave.)  | 13-0-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 11. | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA grant a new Restaurant Wine License to El Ancia de Puerto Plata Restaurant (142 Nagle Ave. @ Thayer St.)  | 12-1-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 12. | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to not recommend</b> the SLA grant a new Restaurant Wine License to 4986 Cocina Latina Restaurant (4986 Broadway @ W. 211 <sup>th</sup> St.)   | 12-1-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 13. | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA grant a new Restaurant Wine License to 231 El Valle Seafood Corp., d/b/a El Valle Restaurant (231 Sherman Ave. @ 207 <sup>th</sup> St.)                     | 12-1-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 14. | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA grant a new Eating Place Beer License to El Fuerte Deli (582 W. 207 <sup>th</sup> St. @ Vermilyea)  | 12-1-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 15. | Licensing Committee resolution <b>to not recommend</b> the NYC Department of City Planning grant a new Enclosed Sidewalk Café License to Vida Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Pat’E Palo (251 Dyckman St., btw Payson/Seaman) | 12-0-1-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 16. | Land Use Committee resolution <b>opposing</b> a BSA zoning variance for a 16-story mixed use building at 4452 Broadway   | 13-0-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 17. | Traffic & Transportation Committee resolution <b>conditionally approving</b> the addition of SBS to a portion of the Bx6 route   | 13-0-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |
| 18. | Traffic & Transportation Committee resolution <b>approving</b> signage change in front of Isabella Geriatric Center from “No Parking” to “No Standing”   | 12-0-0-1 | <i>pass</i> |
| 19. | <b>Procedural motion</b> that any positive Licensing resolution that fails becomes a negative reso that passes, and a negative resolution that fails becomes a positive reso that passes.                              | 12-0-0-0 | <i>pass</i> |

- 2) The Executive Committee also brought a resolution to the floor in support of a One-Year SLA OPL Moratorium in Inwood due to oversaturation. This would apply to NEW applications only (not renewals), for On-Premise Liquor Licenses only (not restaurant wine, eating-place beer, or off-premise licenses). Felipe: who wrote this resolution; is there a hidden agenda? A: the resolution is substantially similar to the wording of the resolution passed

unanimously by the Board last December. Steve: regardless of the fact that the State Legislature didn't pass it, we still believe that there should be a moratorium because of the oversaturation in the community; we are trying to be responsive to the people we represent. Priscilla Mota-Willis: I am concerned about members of the community board who hear the arguments and complaints, but this penalizes all possible owners, including those who might be good operators. There are possible repercussions to the business community; it's a delicate matter, and I don't have all the answers. Ayisha Ogilvie had a procedural question; Liz Ritter explained the history of the previous (December 2015) resolution, and what it covered, and what this resolution would cover., Deborah Nabavian: on the first resolved we are recommending that the SLA follow this moratorium. Any vote we take on any establishment we are telling the SLA to follow our recommendation. What if there is an exception and we wanted to grant something in the moratorium district? A: because the SLA often ignores what we recommend. Also, our prior resolution called on the legislation to be passed but didn't give the Board any guidance on how to implement actions at the Board level. Pam North: I support this resolution: it's been almost a decade that we have been dealing with residents who have complaints about proliferation. But there may also be other areas in CB12 that have saturation and should be considered. Gerard Dengel: There's no perfect solution. It's for a year, it's not forever. We are taking a position consistent with the position we took a year ago when we passed a resolution in support of legislation for a moratorium. Daryl Cochrane: what impact might it have on the lower part of the District if there's a moratorium in the northern part? A: we didn't look at that; it doesn't seem to be an issue: WH isn't being targeted for OPL expansion. Yahaira Alonzo: this will hurt people looking to establish a business. Also, this is a lazy way of dealing with bad enforcement and parking issues. We should look into getting zoned residential parking for Inwood, not penalize establishments. Maria Luna: spoke in favor of resolution. Jason: We are penalizing possible new businesses. Also, what happens to businesses that are under construction? This will be a hardship; how will we get the word out? Jim Berlin: A moratorium is an unfair thing, but if you were a resident on Dyckman Street or in some of the areas with the oversaturation, that is unfair, too. We need to pause on the proliferation to assess how best to move forward in a way that balances economic development and quality of life. Our prime responsibility must be to the residents of this community. Aldemar Diaz: this represents a slight change in how we give input to government agencies. By removing the vote on each application, we are changing our procedure. We have a responsibility to provide input to SLA on each application. Fe Florimon: will there be a workshop for prospective owners on this new requirement. Rud Morales: A lot of people will go to the Licensing Committee will say anything to get a license. People should have an opportunity to go into business. But we should not be giving licenses to bad actors. Luis Tapia: my concern is that this resolution allows us to take the easy way out, rather than making hard choices on a case-by-case basis. We didn't sign up for something to be easy. This is a blanket thing that makes it easy on us; we should be making individual decisions. It is unfair to make a blanket statement. I am not for this resolution. Richard Allman: this is an emergency situation. Although I feel that this could be a legal problem. Richard Allman made a motion to Table the resolution until the December meeting, which was second by Felipe Witick-Sanchez. The motion failed, 18-18-0-0. Javier Trejo: this is not fair, as the community doesn't have input. I am against it, and recommend you all vote against it. Carlos Suero: By blocking new biz in our district we are just creating a monopoly. We should have better enforcement.

9:49pm **Roll Call on Re-vote, 2 Land Use, Parks/Cultural Affairs Traffic & Transportation and Licensing resolutions.**

| Item # | Resolution  | Yes-No-Abstain Not Voting | Result        |
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| A.     | Resolution <b>supporting</b> W. 158 <sup>th</sup> St. Row-House Historic District <Land Use>  | 35-0-0-0                  | <i>passed</i> |
| B.     | <b>Adopt actions</b> taken by Executive Committee on 11/21/16 (see list above)  | 35-0-2-0                  | <i>passed</i> |
| C.     | <b>One-Year Moratorium</b> (1/1-12/31/17) on New SLA OPL Licenses in Inwood <Executive>   | 17-18-0-0                 | <i>failed</i> |
| D.     | Motion to Table Exec. Committee Moratorium resolution (recorded prior to votes A-C, 1-13)   | 18-18-0-0                 | <i>failed</i> |
| 1.     | <b>No objection</b> to OPL License renewal for 4740 Broadway Restaurant d/b/a Tryon Public House (4740 Broadway @ Thayer) <Licensing> | 33-2-0-0                  | <i>passed</i> |

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| 2.  | <b>No objection</b> to OPL License renewal for Carol Enterprises d/b/a Lola Lola (1306 St. Nicholas Ave. btw. W. 175 <sup>th</sup> /176 <sup>th</sup> Streets) <Licensing>   | 32-3-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 3.  | <b>No objection</b> to OPL License renewal for Javier & David Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Caridad (1618 St. Nicholas Ave. @ W. 191st St.) <Licensing>   | 33-2-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 4.  | <b>No objection</b> to OPL License renewal for 4199 Crystal II Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Guadalupe Bar & Grill (597 W. 207 <sup>th</sup> St. btw. Broadway/Vermilyea) <Licensing>   | 32-3-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 5.  | <b>No objection</b> to OPL License renewal for 187 Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Refried Beans Mexican Grill (591 Ft. Washington Ave. @ W. 187 <sup>th</sup> St.) <Licensing>   | 32-2-0-1  | <i>passed</i> |
| 6.  | <b>No objection</b> to OPL License renewal for Pipo Pool Inc. (582 W. 183 <sup>rd</sup> St. @ St. Nicholas Ave.) <Licensing>   | 33-2-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 7.  | <b>Objecting</b> to OPL License renewal for Rush Tapas Bar Inc., d/b/a Soju Restaurant & Lounge (586 W. 207 <sup>th</sup> St. @ Vermilyea) <Licensing>   | 35-0-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 8.  | <b>No objection</b> to OPL License renewal for Monkey Room Inc., d/b/a The Monkey Room (589 Ft. Washington Ave. @ W. 187 <sup>th</sup> St.) <Licensing>  | 33-2-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 9.  | <b>Objecting</b> to Tavern Wine License renewal for Villas Lounge @ Corp. (130-132 Audubon Ave. @ W. 172 <sup>nd</sup> St.) <Licensing> (note: this was a positive resolution which, upon failing 16-19-0-0, automatically became a negative resolution which passed.) | 19-16-0-0 | <i>passed</i> |
| 10. | <b>Item withdrawn:</b> TLC Livery Car Base renewal for GTNY Car Service <Licensing>  | withdrawn | <i>n/a</i>    |
| 11. | <b>Item withdrawn:</b> new OPL License for Sherman Creek Restaurant & Lounge Corp (3795 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave. btw. W. 203 <sup>rd</sup> /204 <sup>th</sup> ) <Licensing>   | withdrawn | <i>n/a</i>    |
| 12. | <b>No objection</b> to new OPL License for Up Thai Corp., d/b/a Tung Thong (812 W. 181 <sup>st</sup> St. @ Pinehurst) <Licensing>  | 29-6-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 13. | <b>Objecting</b> to new Restaurant Wine License for La Lomita Mexican Deli Corp. (3866 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave. @ W. 207 <sup>th</sup> St.) <Licensing>   | 33-2-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |

9:47pm **Health & Environment (Steve Simon, Committee Chair):** Noted that this evening is the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of JFK's assassination and that for many in the room it remains a traumatic event. Con Ed will be making a presentation on Washington Heights-Inwood's electrical system at the next Committee meeting. Also, wearing Parks Dept. hat, reminded all of the upcoming community visioning session on Highbridge Park and what are the community's priorities and wishes for how the recent \$30million capital allocation should be used.

9:49pm **Parks & Cultural Affairs (Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Committee Chair):** Next meeting will reconsider plan for Inwood Hill Park/Dyckman Green Gym with new revised plan from Parks Department based on community feedback. Will also hear much-awaited plan from Parks Department for Inwood Hill Park Nature Center renovation. Please help spread the word. Note: these are both reso items.

All other Committee Chairs referred Members to the minutes of the November Committee meetings.

9:50pm **Motion to adjourn** was made by Richard Lewis, seconded by Gerard Dengel, and approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary

