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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MANHATTAN BOROUGH BOARD

April 21st, 2016

In Attendance:

Presiding: Aldrin Bonilla, Deputy Borough President for Community Affairs and Constituent Services; Jessica Mates, Chief of Staff; Lucille Songhai, Director of Community Affairs; Adele Bartlett, Deputy General Counsel; Hally Chu, Policy Analyst; Diana Howard, Community Liaison; Bodi Du, Capital Projects and Budget Analyst

Council Members: Hon. Ben Kallos, accompanied by Paul Westrick; Hon. Helen Rosenthal; Hon. Mark Levine; Vincent Fang & Cora Fung (representing Hon. Margaret Chin); Matt Viggiano (representing Hon. Rosie Mendez); Cherica DuBois (representing Hon. Corey Johnson); Liam Bland (representing Hon. Daniel Garodnick); Stephanie Arroyo (representing Spkr. Melissa Mark-Viverito)

Community Boards: Catherine McVay Hughes, accompanied by Bob Schneck (CB 1); Tobi Bergman, accompanied by Cormac Flynn (CB 2); Gigi Li, accompanied by Sameh Jacob & Jamie Rogers (CB 3); Delores Rubin (CB 4); Vikki Barbero, accompanied by Andreas Benzing (CB 5); Rick Eggers, accompanied by Ahsia Badi & Kathleen Kelly (CB 6); Elizabeth Caputo, accompanied by Mark Diller (CB 7); Jim Clynes, accompanied by Cos Spagnoletti (CB 8); Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, LaQuita Henry, Nekpen Osuan & Walter South (representing Padmore John) (CB 9); Henrietta Lyle, accompanied by Maria C. Garcia & Mari Moss-Yawn (CB 10); Diane Collier, accompanied by Marie Winfield (CB 11); Shahabuddeen Ally, accompanied by Gerard Dengel, Natalie Espino & Fe Florimon (CB 12)

Minutes: Morris Chan, Community Liaison

Agenda for April 21st, 2016 Borough Board – Adopted
Minutes for March 17th, 2016 Borough Board – Adopted

Borough Board Vote: Resolution in Support of Intro 214

Borough Board proposes to adopt a resolution in support of Intro 214, in relation to providing legal counsel for low-income tenants facing eviction via legal proceedings.

CM Levine: Intro 214 helps to address family homelessness and affordable housing crisis. More than half of the tenants facing eviction live in rent-regulated housing,



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and eviction is the top contributing cause to homelessness. The bill changes the game at the Housing Court, as almost all landlords have legal counsel; it means that everyone is now on a level playing field, and landlords will be less willing to bring eviction suits if tenants have legal counsel. Budget for legal counsel for low-income tenants is set to rise from \$6 million to \$70 million a year; additional resources will lead to a sharp drop in evictions. A total of 38 Council Members are sponsoring the bill on the record; Brooklyn and Bronx borough boards have adopted resolution in support; and advocates have a great coalition pushing for this case.

Lyle (CB 10): Communities applaud all who are taking up this effort. At Lenox Terrace, which is in CB 10, evictions take place all the time. Is there anything in the bill to provide for tenant education to help them know their rights?

Rubin (CB 4): Is there anywhere in the bill that will require landlords or leases to carry a section on tenant's rights, analogous to Miranda warnings?

CM Levine: Tenants often see attorneys for the first time shortly before walking into Housing Court hearing. To remedy the situation, tenants should become proactive and call 311 for City resources. The right to counsel in Intro 214 still contains certain restrictions, such as income and homelessness histories. The goal now is to fund organizations to engage in door-to-door outreach in neighborhoods under rezoning. The upfront cost of \$100 million for this program will help reduce homeless shelter use. It costs \$40,000 a year to house one person in a homeless shelter; it only takes \$2,500 to provide the same person with an attorney to stave off eviction.

Ryan DuBois, from the Right to Counsel Coalition, also speaks on the fact that statistics are supportive of the universal effort on this front in Manhattan and in New York City as a whole. It shows how low-income and rent-regulated tenants are under attack, with the system heavily stacked in favor of developers and affluent individuals. Housing is a human right and should not be violated for profit. Support for Intro 214 saves City money and supports people's rights.

Proposed resolution is adopted by acclamation.

Borough Board Vote: Resolution on International Passive House Standard

Borough Board proposes to adopt a resolution in support of the International Passive House Standard (PH), a set of guidelines and benchmarks that will support the construction of ultra-energy efficient buildings. The resolution is proposed in recognition of Earth Day.



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Brendan Sexton, Chair of the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board, speaks on the international adoption of this standard. PH is variably known as “net-zero” or “carbon neutral” buildings; the idea is that the building will have no negative impact on greenhouse gas and energy balance in the environment, with particular focus on heating, cooling and insulation. Although New York City already has a “Green Code” within its Building Code, it actually says very little and does not fully demand that all buildings to be fully “green” architecture. Support for PH is about making it the way to build. Solid Waste Advisory Board is concerned as to the impact on CO₂ emission from solid waste. How to build and how to demolish both have solid waste-related impacts. It is time to make construction more waste-cognizant and improve the CO₂ balance in our buildings. The standard is ambitious but possible, and not adopting it may even look absurd ten to twenty years from now.

Borough President Brewer: Cornell Tech project on Roosevelt Island is a PH project.

Collier (CB 11): The proposed project on East 111th Street will also be a PH project. CB 11 also calls for the adoption of PH for all new City and State buildings, as well as training on PH for minority- and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs).

Barbero (CB 5): CB 5 thanks CB 1 for its leadership on PH. Both Bob Schneck of CB 1 and Andreas Benzing of CB 5 have worked hard on this item.

Flynn (CB 2): One should not under-estimate PH and its impacts. The idea is now becoming increasingly popular nationwide and could be pace-setting.

Kelly (CB 6): Construction unions are also launching programs to train workers on skills needed for PH projects. Unions are committed to have a flexible, trained and organized labor force for all projects seeking to implement PH.

South (CB 9): Brussels has now required all new construction to be PH-compliant. Pratt Institute is also offering a course on PH design this summer.

Proposed resolution is adopted by acclamation, with one abstention.

Presentation: State-Level Environmental Affairs Engagement (DEC)

Presenters: Adanna Roberts, Citizens Participation Specialist

Dept. of Environmental Conservation is the New York State agency created in 1970 “to conserve, improve and protect New York’s natural resources and environment and to prevent, abate and control water, land and air pollution, in order to enhance



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the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state and their overall economic and social well-being.” The agency is the primary entity in charge of implementing and enforcing State conservation laws, as outlined in Title 6 of New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. Agency has jurisdiction over fish and wildlife, lands and forests, air resources, quality services, resource management services and water.

The agency is organized into various offices, each containing a number of divisions, with each division consisting of a number of bureaus. Geographically, the state is divided into nine regions, each with a regional director, for agency service delivery purposes; New York City itself comprises Region 2. DEC Region 2 office is chiefly responsible for permits and enforcement in New York City, where agency delegates many functions otherwise handled via Albany to the regional level.

Environmental control officers (ECOs) and forest rangers, both sworn officers, are the main forces tasked with environmental law enforcement. For example, hunting is illegal anywhere in New York City, and ECOs are the ones who track down all hunters to issue summons and make arrests. ECOs are responsible for patrolling state parks in urban areas as well.

Agency is responsible for the remediation of contaminated sites and for bulk storage of hazardous waste. DEC Region 2 provides on-site support to City agencies in cases of contamination, such as the dielectric fluid spill due to Worth Street crane collapse. DEC Region 2 oversees 799 remediation sites citywide, 116 of which in Manhattan. From April 2015 to April 2016, it treated 491 spills in Manhattan. Agency has a telephone hotline to report all contaminations and maintains a database where the public can look up information on contaminations by neighborhood and ZIP code.

Agency is also responsible for environmental permits and for instituting solid waste reduction practices. Most of the permits are for developments near waterways, coastlines and habitats of endangered species. Such habitats do exist in urban areas; for example, habitats for common tern and short-nose sturgeon, both endangered, are present in Manhattan. Agency issued 123 permits in Manhattan in 2015.

Funding available from the agency are primarily 1) solid and hazardous waste grants, 2) clean-up grants (with technical support), 3) environmental justice grants, and 4) environmental benefit grants (where fines collected from a particular area are earmarked for community use in the same area).

McVay Hughes (CB 1): Lower Manhattan has the fourth worst air quality out of 59 Community Board district citywide; air quality monitoring is a critical need for this



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neighborhood. The City appears to have no idea on how many vehicles enter or pass through this district. Since the dismantling of the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center (LMCCC) two years ago, there has been no dedicated monitoring effort in place. On a separate note, what is the status on fracking? The State has now banned hydro-fracking, but there are still other types of fracking techniques.

Roberts (DEC): Agency staff on air resources will have a look at the request for air monitoring. Community should also apply for various grants that could provide funding for monitoring. Regulation on various types of fracking is the prerogative of the executive branch in Albany.

Morgan-Thomas (CB 9): CB 9 is still awaiting New York City Dept. of Environmental Protection report on formaldehyde level near the North River Wastewater Pollution Control Plant. There has been no feedback on the matter for some time. On another note, there have been three brush fires in New York State as of late; is the agency part of the effort to address brush fires? At last, rail passengers have been noticing petroleum or other oil residue in the soil along railroad tracks. They sometimes find the soil smoldering. Has it been an issue in New York State lately?

Rubin (CB 4): To add onto the comment on fires, most residents do not know that New York City is a high-risk area for brush fires.

Roberts (DEC): City agency is the lead on the formaldehyde issue and is supposed to have sent reports to the State agency as well. Community is looking for it and clearly wants it to be regular and ongoing, given the high levels observed in readings. State does engage in controlled burning. Agency issues reports and advisories in case of brush fires, and elected officials should encourage concerned constituents to sign up for the notifications. Please note that all matters concerning City parks, even the ones requiring State permits, are under City jurisdiction.

Borough President Brewer: Manhattan has a number of brownfield sites requiring clean-up. Does the agency do the clean-up, or does it only award grants?

Roberts (DEC): It is up to the recipients of clean-up grants to carry out the clean-up. Applicants come with project proposals to seek funding from the clean-up grants. Agency is also interested in connecting all stakeholders in the process.

CM Kallos: Constituents in the district would like to request air quality monitoring in areas at the East 91st Street marine transfer station and near the Cornell Tech site.



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Office of Borough President Report

Chief of Staff Mates: Borough President Brewer plans to host a “speed dating” event for active community members and community-based non-profits seeking to fill vacancies on the board of directors. The hope is that non-profits may find the talents it needs amongst these active community members. Dept. of Education Chancellor Fariña will be meeting with all Community Board Youth & Education committee chairs tonight. There will be meetings on M/WBEs and City vendor registration process coming up. Borough President Brewer had a meeting on New York State Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) awards and will hold information sessions for small businesses and community-based non-profits shortly.

Deputy Borough President Washington: City Council has released its response to the FY 2017 Preliminary Budget; Mayor de Blasio will release FY 2017 Executive Budget around the end of this month. Given that capital funding amounts will not become fully finalized until the adoption of the budget, Borough President Brewer will not be announcing Manhattan Capital Grants Program (MCGP) recipients until July. The application for Manhattan Community Awards Program (MCAP) will open in summer. This office continues to look into ways to connect with and support small businesses throughout the borough.

Deputy Borough President Bonilla: This office will soon make announcements on Community Board Leadership Development Series for spring 2016. Series will offer ten courses; invitation will also extend to Community Education Council and New York City Housing Authority resident association members. Borough President Brewer has made Community Board appointments for 2016; 81 new members have joined the 12 Community Boards, and the number of new members over the last three years means that about half of the 600 borough-wide are first appointed under Borough President Brewer.

Spagnoletti (CB 8): How about public members on Community Board committees?

Deputy Borough President Bonilla: Appointment of public members falls under the jurisdiction of individual Community Boards.

Council Member Reports

CM Kallos: Thanks for the hard work on the two housing text amendments; City Council voted to adopt both, as amended, and Mayor de Blasio has granted assent. The final version includes languages that make height increases conditional upon



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additional affordable housing units and a quality ground floor. It also preserves mid-block neighborhood character, in particular in Upper East Side and Upper West Side. The final package is almost tantamount to a different set of rules for Manhattan, and it would have been a very different policy package if not for the active participation of Borough President Brewer and the 12 Community Boards borough-wide. As to the plan for “super-scraper” in Sutton Place, the developer is now under foreclosure and is facing double bankruptcy; item enjoys lots of community support in pushing back against the developer and may force a City Planning Commission vote on an item hitherto as-of-right. The key to fight against anything said to be “as-of-right” is “contextual”; in this case, Sutton Place area residents took it well and to the fullest. CB 11 has also recommended denial for the proposed 260 ft. mid-block building for Marymount School. Earth Day is tomorrow; events in celebration will kick off this evening. All Manhattan residents are encouraged to participate in the car-free day tomorrow. Free CitiBike day passes will be available at the events. Policy night and constituent office hours continue for residents of Council District 5; house calls to residential buildings are also available upon request.

CM Rosenthal: A package of 12 bills on tenant’s rights is currently before the City Council. Stand for Tenant Safety (STS) has been instrumental in pushing for this reform package; all Council Member sponsors will greatly appreciate continued support from the communities they represent. Mayor de Blasio and the executive branch are only supportive of parts of the package; Council Member sponsors would like to ask for help from all Community Board chairs and district managers to have more people engaged on this matter. All Manhattan Council Members sponsor this package, which will address tenant protection loopholes and curb landlord power.

Community Board Reports

Community Board 1: CB 1 welcomed five new members this year; orientation took place yesterday. Mayor’s Office of Recovery and Resiliency called to state that the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development has agreed to allow the City to apply its \$100 million in support of the National Disaster Recovery Competition (NDRC) bid for areas from Brooklyn Bridge to the tip of Manhattan. CB 1 applauds the move and hopes that it will serve as the “seed money” that will lead to future allocations to meet its resiliency needs. Federal Emergency Management Administration also has funding available, to be distributed via the State; whether or not funding from this source will go toward Lower Manhattan is still yet to be determined. CB 1 notes on the record that the tourist helicopter flights are now banned on Sundays; there was no helicopter “chop” on April 3rd, the first Sunday it was in effect. CB 1 met with the Economic Development Corp. on updates related to South Street Seaport and



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requested further transparency from the agency; CB 1 will take up the matter on Pier 17 and upcoming land use actions at the Seaport at its committee meeting on May 17th. CB 1 is concerned that Dept. of Transportation is closing Lower Manhattan Borough Commissioner's Office (LMBCO); construction coordination remains very much needed in the district, given the number of projects and in light of incidents, most recently a scaffolding collapse at 396 Broadway. Fulton Center has received its LEED Silver certification. CB 1 asks for attention to street activities, as about 1,400 take place in Lower Manhattan alone in a year. Westfield will also begin hiring for World Trade Center PATH station retailers in August.

Community Board 2: Street activities and special events are now "imposed" upon neighborhoods with little or no community control. Astor Place plaza, which is still under construction, is now scheduled for a ten-day event before it is even signed off for use, with CB 2 having no knowledge of it until after the permit was issued. Street fairs are also frequently moved from one location or another, and event durations are often lengthened or shortened at will. CB 2 work hard to steer street fairs away from Bleecker Street between Sixth Avenue and Seventh Avenue, a narrow street with strong opposition to street fairs from area retailers, but a fair with sponsoring organization not serving this block is moving in. CB 2 is once again fighting to stop street fairs with no connection to the street. CB 2 is delighted to see that New York State Supreme Court has ruled that Pier 55 construction may proceed.

Barbero (CB 5): Street fair and pedestrian plaza problems also exist in CB 5. Many of these problems surface at a point in the review process too late for the Community Board to address them. Is it possible for the Community Boards to gather data collectively and address the matter in tandem?

Caputo (CB 7): No one has any idea where the money is coming from and going to in many street fairs. It is often a case-by-case matter.

Spagnoletti (CB 8): Could the Community Boards also look at the excessive number of parades on Fifth Avenue? CB 8 finds that parades seem to take place year round.

Borough President Brewer: Executive Director of the Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management promised to have a look at it when he assumed office last summer, but it has not happened. A task force on the issue is in the planning.

Community Board 3: CB 3 continues to find it unacceptable that the City went ahead to lift the deed restriction on Rivington House, which was formerly a school, an AIDS hospice and a nursing home, in succession. For \$16 million, the Dept. of



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Citywide Administrative Services lifted its deed restriction in the sale; the purchaser immediately “flipped” the building for much more. Much of this deal involves highly questionable and unaccountable practices. Dept. of Investigation, U.S. Attorney Bharara, State Attorney General Schneiderman and Comptroller Stringer are all investigating the matter; Council Member Chin has also introduced a bill on City official accountability in the lease, sale and conveyance of City properties. The lack of respect to Community Boards is a major issue; is it not that Community Board is eyes and the ears of the neighborhoods it covers? CB 3 is proud to be the first entity to bring attention to Rivington House and will continue the fight. CB 3 is also asking that Borough President Brewer makes some development trainings mandatory for Community Board officers and committee chairs in the upcoming Community Board Leadership Development Series.

CM Kallos: Thanks for the effort on Rivington House, which is an example that Mayor de Blasio gave away people’s property one more time. City Council will hold oversight hearing on Dept. of Citywide Administrative Services on May 3rd and May 4th. All interested parties are invited to submit testimonies or testify in person.

McVay Hughes (CB 1): Could someone look into public space loss at 346 Broadway?

Community Board 4: Community Board Leadership Development Series is a great professional development for volunteer Community Board members. CB 4 conducts extra trainings on special districts, parliamentary procedures and letter writing, as well as any other matters peculiar to CB 4 only. CB 4 thanks Borough President Brewer for arranging the meeting with Dept. of Buildings on demolition permits, in particular falsified records and ongoing tenant harassment. Six cases of such took place in a short period very recently, and the agency only says that “it is worse” in the Outer Boroughs. There needs to be a voice to curb the worst excesses of Dept. of Buildings operations; communities must work to bring about changes. CB 4 was co-host for a forum on the future of the Port Authority Bus Terminal, where many of the area constituents have worries that blunt measures such as eminent domain may take place. Forum was very productive, with voices loud and clear on saving the neighborhoods. More coordination similar to the ones employed in CB 1 during World Trade Center reconstruction is needed.

Community Board 5: CB 5 thanks Borough President Brewer for 11 new members. In the last three appointment cycles, CB 5 has seen over 50% of members replaced, and it is concerned that the turnover is resulting in reduced institutional knowledge and lack of continuity in its positions. Issues such as liquor license, newsstand and sidewalk café licensing all require substantial understanding of the community over



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time, and substantial member education is needed to bring all new appointees up to speed. M23 Select Bus Service has been proposed; CB 5 will participate in a joint task force with CB 4 and CB 6 on the matter, with all three Community Boards to adopt joint resolutions in another example of collaborative work. Similar to East Midtown re-zoning, it takes collaboration to have enough clout. Dept. of Parks and Recreation has lengthened the review period for commercial events in city parks from 21 days to 45 days. The change was in response to a recent incident involving Listerine at Union Square; approval was based on altogether untrue information, and event was disruptive as early as 8:00 AM, to the point it was shut down.

Borough President Brewer: CB 5 is a business district; focusing on attendance is critical to keeping all members focused on Community Board work diligently. It truly comes down to that new CB 5 members have to stick around.

Community Board 6: CB 6 welcomes five new members; Claude Winfield, first vice chair, will serve as their mentor. The hope is for all new members to be successful in their service from the very beginning and to become involved quickly. CB 6 will assign them to committees next month. A murder took place in the East 30th Street men's shelter; weapon was a non-traditional sharp object, likely improvised inside the shelter. Shelter also lacks CCTV cameras in certain public areas, including stairs. The murder, however, occurred in a bedroom; it is impossible to monitor all corners of the shelter at all times. Police training for all Dept. of Homeless Services peace officers will take place next month. Dept. of Transportation still has no timetable as to lighting improvements in the area. There is still no news whether or not shelter will receive additional peace officers. East 30th Street shelter is the largest citywide for single adult males. Problems from within, once spilled out, become street and community concerns. CB 6 will continue to look into mental health resources and nightly lockdowns. This shelter has an active community advisory board, but it is always not easy to make communities comfortable with the shelter nearby. Many have ideas but no action plan, often due to funding constraints. CCTV cameras cost money and intrude into client privacy. CB 6 had a forum in January on this matter.

Collier (CB 11): CBs 9, 10, 11 and 12 are jointly holding a homelessness forum on May 5th. New York City is at a point in which mentally disabled may be handed more rights than they are entitled. The current standard process is neither well used nor working; not many who need to be hospitalized receive inpatient treatments. State law requires sign-off from two psychiatrists in order to mandate hospitalization.

Community Board 7: CB 7 welcomes four new members; thanks for reminders on member attendance. CB 7 continues to try its best to lay down rules and enforce



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them. CB 7 has many long-time members and is hoping to apply their talents into training programs. CB 7 appreciates the idea on mandatory training for committee chairs and would also like to call for the same for Community Board chairs and officers. Community Board leaders should serve as the example in their active participation in leadership development programs. Bloomingdale Playground was awarded Community Parks Initiative (CPI) grant; public meeting with over 100 in attendance took place last week to discuss design and build-out, with inclusive design as major topic. CB 7 is convening a NYCHA task force; first meeting is on April 27th, to which resident association presidents are invited. CB 7 had public meeting on American Museum of Natural History expansion; it has yet to formulate official position. CB 7 will continue communications on its design and will be public and transparent in the discussion. Mayor de Blasio filed *amicus curiae* brief objecting to the holding on Jewish Home and Lifecare proposal; CB 7 will request a meeting.

Community Board 8: Marine transfer station project at East 91st Street is going forward. CB 8 asks for help from Borough President Brewer to bring all relevant agencies to meet with the community, as agencies have now developed a tendency to call off attending meetings at the last minute. New York City Housing Authority is now slated to take over land at NYCHA John Haynes Holmes Towers for developer infill, with no community benefit at all. CB 8 also thanks for its new members, some of which are the youngest ever to serve. CB 8 is concerned with café and restaurant delivery with electric bicycles; there is no enforcement at all, and there is no law to allow cross-ticketing, which is a law that City Council should and must enact.

Borough President Brewer: The project will use the proceeds from the infill to renovate public housing units. Community has been in opposition, but it appears that this is now a done deal.

Community Board 9: CB 9 thanks for its new members; orientation is underway. Forum on Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC) properties is planned for June; CB 9 hopes for support from other Community Boards. CB 9 will also host a forum on seniors in June, with focus on how seniors could afford ever-rising rent. Columbia University will open an employment center; open house coming soon. CB 9 annual cultural diversity event on St. Nicholas Avenue will take place May 28th. CB 9 opposes West 125th Street proposal by both Dept. of Transportation and Economic Development Corp. on material storage and traffic congestion grounds. Cora Gilmore will represent CB 9 at Dept. for the Aging initiative in Albany.

Community Board 10: CB 10 thanks for its five new members, including the first teen member ever; orientation is on May 2nd. CB 10 also thanks for the introduction



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to Adrienne Mack and other workforce development advocates on CitiBike. CB 10 will have an education resources fair this spring, date to be determined. CB 10 will participate in the homelessness forum on May 5th. CB 10 Economic Development committee is working with restaurants facing closure to address their needs, assist on technical matters and help to streamline process for them. The next step will be helping them before they even open and teach them about the pitfalls. CB 10 is delighted for the recent street co-naming.

Community Board 11: CB 11 took a stand against absenteeism this year; it resulted in 12 new members. Thanks to all those who re-commit themselves to serve on this Community Board. CB 11 sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Transportation supporting TIGER grant for area underneath Metro North viaduct at East 125th Street; CB 11 asks that Dept. of Transportation and Economic Development Corp. to revisit the economic revitalization proposals. CB 11 recommended co-naming of East 102nd Street and Lexington Avenue after the 65th Infantry Regiment “The Borinquenners,” the Puerto Rican unit which was just awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

Community Board 12: CB 12 also thanks for the new members appointed; new member orientation will take place after committee assignment. In-house member education via CB 12 “leadership academy” program is ongoing. Member education takes place both in and out of training sessions; everyday business on Community Board is learning opportunity itself. CB 12 is also looking into committee rotations for new members in the interest of having effective members with cross-discipline skills. CB 12 thanks for the introduction for Sean O’Leary of Campaign Finance Board to present at the committee level. Thanks to Borough President Brewer for the strong advocacy to return music education to High School for Media and Communications. In celebration of Earth Day, Council Member Rodriguez will be holding car-free day events in Washington Heights tomorrow. CB 12 plans to hold an event on youth and education in June. Work on Inwood re-zoning continues; many of the issues raised throughout are ones of borough-wide or even citywide concern. CB 12 “chair’s office hour” is also ongoing. Constituents requesting home visits should reach out for scheduling. Many in CB 12 have non-traditional work schedules or are part of theater and entertainment industry. CB 12 is happy to look into ways to serve them outside normal hours if necessary.

Barbero (CB 5): Committee rotation is a great idea for all Community Boards.

Borough Board adjourned.