Committee Chair Jose Altamirano was excused and asked Diane Collier to chair the meeting.

1. Informational updates
   a. NYPD- Neighborhood Coordination Officers Program will be rolled out on May 23 for 25th Precinct. The 23rd has implemented the program with success. In the 25th, burglary has increased, a rash of shootings on 5th and 129th, and increase dirt bikes use as weather improves. Crime rate down in 23rd but domestic violence continues to be an issue. Precinct had its 1st shooting of the year and suspect has been identified.

2. Call to Order at 7:31P  Motion made by Peggy Morales and second by Robert Perkins to adopt agenda

3. Presentations & Discussions
   a. Salvation Army is constructing a new thirteen story building for seniors and the new facility will enable their organization to expand their community services based on their Soap, Soup and Salvation” mission. They and their contractors are requesting a letter of support to Department of Building to extend their construction variance to allow work to begin as early as 7:00am or 8:00am. The Salvation Army is currently in space at 125th and Lexington, and would like to stay on schedule to complete the new facility and redirect the rental funds back into their community services. Applicant had signatures from immediate surrounding residents, but committee members wanted assurances more neighbors would be aware of the hours. The following motion was made:
Motion by Jemar Ward to approve request for extension of permitted construction hours on Saturdays from 7am – 5pm with the condition that Salvation Army and Mega Contracting Group flyer the neighborhood buildings to notify residents. The motion was seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

b. Andrea Wenner of East Harlem Scholars Academy presented the academy’s playstreet application to renew their 105th school play street permit. They had a total of 149 + signatures, a significant number from 105th neighbors. Volunteers are now standing at the corners to assist with vehicles’ entrance and exit while ensuring the children safety.

Catherine Portiere presented a petition with 251 signatures to rescind the school play street permit and asked the committee to contact Harlem RBI as the Dream School indicated their playground is available to assist. Committee will review both proposals and vote on application in May.

c. DSNY gave a brief overview of their District 11 Garage relocation project. Members agreed that the proposed solution in East Harlem is of far lesser quality as compared to facilities implemented in other communities such as SoHo consolidated garage. It is understood that a solution is needed for 99th street, but this solution is unaccepted as stated several times before. Consensus from the members is to oppose DSNY proposal.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Announcements

   a. We Act Environmental Justice will be having a People’s Climate March in Washington D.C. on April 29th. They will be providing transportation and leaving from their 1854 Amsterdam Avenue office at 5:30P. Contact their office for further information.

7. Adjournment: motion by Judith Febbraro, seconded by Robert Perkins, All in favor

Minutes submitted by Diane Collier