



# Community Board 12

## The City of New York

### Borough of Queens

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DISTRICT MANAGER

#### COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016

#### MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

- I. PRESIDING: Adrienne E. Adams, Chairperson
- II. PRESENT: Adrienne E. Adams  
Jacqueline Boyce  
Maxine Brannon  
Geraldine Taylor-Brown  
David Bucknor  
Kenneth Carter  
Daniel Englander  
Mabel Everett  
Joan Flowers  
Nadi Ghaness  
Thomas Greenaway  
Glenn Greenidge  
Calvin Hewitt  
James Heyliger  
Rene Hill  
Richard Hogan  
Khondokar Tarikul Islam  
Audrey Lee Jacobs  
Celeste James  
Bilal Karriem  
Michele Keller

Margaret Kirkland  
Gregory Mays  
Maurice Muir  
Kamal Saleem  
Yvette Sledge  
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Toni Totten  
Constance Robinson-Turner

ABSENT: Melvin Artis  
Ruth Campbell  
Manuel Caughman  
Mary A. Childs  
Barbara Duncan  
Patrick Evans  
Ian Harris  
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson  
Edward McKay, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson  
John McRae  
Rodney Pride  
Florence Simmons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Bryan White  
Benjamin Wright, Jr., Treasurer

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

Announcements were read by Reverend C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson

**IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Thanked all of the board members for allowing her to serve as Chairperson for two terms. Chairperson Adams thanked all of her Officers and Committee Chairs for all of their hard work all year round. She thanked her board members for their service to their committees and commitment to the work of Community Board 12. Thanked District Manager, Yvonne Reddick and the staff for holding down the day to day task and demands that are set before Community Board 12 on a daily, nightly, monthly, and yearly basis. They hold it down for the second largest Community Board in the entire Borough of Queens. As we approach the New Year, the Chairperson encouraged all of the board members to rededicate themselves to the work of Community Board 12 and the charge to serve the constituents to the best of their ability. Tonight, as with every December meeting, the Board will conclude the year with elections of Community Board 12 Officers. The Offices of Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson, and Parliamentarian await appointment. Your job Board Members is to elect those you feel will best represent you and your community board. Where there are vacancies, please nominate your colleagues. If nominated, the Chair hopes that individual(s) would accept the nomination and serve that office of leadership; where his/her gifts are much needed and appreciated. Chairperson Adams believes that in order to make a difference in this world, you must be involved with your community for its greater good and the greater good of generations to come. She stated: "There is much work for us to do at Board 12, but certainly

we are up for the challenge. The leadership of this Board epitomizes the work of good and faithful servants.” In the year 2017 Chairperson Adams hopes and prays that members will continue to work together to accomplish goals as a unified body, committed to being part of a solution to provide the community with a better quality of life that is so deserved.

**V. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

- All recycling is on night collection except for the following locations: Foch Blvd. to Conduit and Van Wyck Service Road
- Merrick Blvd. to Conduit, and Guy Brewer Blvd. to Springfield Blvd.
- 99<sup>th</sup> Ave to 110<sup>th</sup> Ave, Farmers Blvd. and Hollis Ave. to Francis Lewis Blvd.

QEDA001 – Construction of storm and sanitary sewers, water mains and appurtenances project- 123 Ave to 142nd Street; service connection to each house in progress, connection is on Rockaway Blvd. Contractor will be installing a 12 inch water main from 141<sup>st</sup> St to 146<sup>th</sup> St. The project is on 142<sup>nd</sup> St between 120<sup>th</sup> Ave and 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave, part of 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave from 141<sup>st</sup> St to 142<sup>nd</sup> St. 142<sup>nd</sup> Pl between 120<sup>th</sup> Ave and 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave. The entire project is 33% completed. There will be no work done from 12/23/2016 to 1/2/2017.

SEQ200581 – Project on 183<sup>rd</sup> St between Liberty Ave and Jamaica Ave, contractor will be testing the water main. There will be a shut down on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

Jenny Chin, Staff Attorney, Legal Hand: Legal Hand provides free legal information, resources and assistance to anyone having issues that need to be legally resolved. Legal Hand is working on three main issues that are affecting the community: housing, immigrant services, and hate crimes and discrimination based on religion, sexual orientation and nationality.

*Acknowledgements of Elected Officials and their Representatives was made by the Chairperson*

**VI. BUSINESS SESSION** Reverend C. Princess Thorbs-McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson, pronounced quorum after roll call of 28 members present

- I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Correction of November 16, 2016 minutes regarding attendance was made by Audrey Lee-Jacobs. Motion to adopt the November minutes with the necessary corrections was made by Glenn Greenidge, seconded by Margaret Kirkland, the motion passed unanimously.

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Economic Development Committee:** Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson The committee discussed ongoing development projects in the area that are affecting the community. They spoke extensively about the halfway house proposed at 91-20 146<sup>th</sup> St. Since the committee’s last meeting, it was noted that DOT is the responsible agency and HPD is managing the lease. We also found out from the NYC Buildings Department that the Certificate of Occupancy is for a printing manufacturing facility- **not** a church. We are currently awaiting a date from NYC Comptroller Stringer to discuss the possibility of auditing shelter services in our community board districts and

ending additional shelter sites. Please join us for our next monthly meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017

**Transportation Committee:** Represented by Michele Keller, Chairperson

The committee meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Community Board office, 7:00 p.m. Transportation issues are very critical. In the event of a catastrophe, residents need to know how to evacuate the area. The committee is still waiting for plans from the police department or OEM to advise our community.

Last night, the committee met with DOT. The meeting commenced timely with the Department of Transportation's first presentation relating to the Hillside Ave and 179<sup>th</sup> St Project. To improve pedestrian safety, DOT proposes to install center islands along Hillside Ave at 179<sup>th</sup> St, 188<sup>th</sup> St, 195<sup>th</sup> St and 208<sup>th</sup> St. Each section of Hillside from 179<sup>th</sup> St will have 5 islands between each intersection except at 208<sup>th</sup> St.

**Education Committee:** Represented by Joan Flowers, Chairperson – Geri Taylor-Brown, committee member, spoke on behalf of the Chairperson

One of the items of focus are Superintendents of education districts 27, 28, and 29; and high school Superintendents. The committee would like to know what goals have been set and how they intend to insure that our children are academically prepared and able to excel. The committee needs community members, whether you have children in school or not, grandparents, etc... Concerned enough about our children to help make sure they get what they deserve educationally. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Roy Wilkins Community Center.

**Sanitation Committee:** Represented by Nadi Ghaness, Chairperson

When you talk to your neighbors, you will get it done. The Sanitation Committee, like all committees, have our challenges. We must reach the people in our community to help maintain our neighborhoods. How you reach the community is by writing a note, saying hello to someone, offering to be of help; but they have to help you also. Sanitation has its own challenge with dumping, one of the major issues. The committee meets on the last Thursday of the month at the Community Board office, 7:00 p.m.

**Youth Committee:** Represented by Bilal Karriem, Chairperson

The committee has been working with the Southern Queens Muslim Collective; their Mission Statement is fostering dialogue in collaboration with diverse communities, empowering Muslims, locating target civic engagement, promoting justice and mutual understanding, and clarifying misconceptions of Islam.

October 10, 2016 – Event with NYC at SUNY Queens EEOC, partnered with CB12, receiving more black males into the school system to educate our children.

October 11, 2016 - Youth Committee meeting at SUNY Queens EEOC; guest speaker was CB12 Board Member, Jim Heyliger. Mr. Heyliger spoke to a number of young, certified developers in the community; and is willing to walk them through the process of bidding on projects.

Attended the Jamaica Housing Tenant Association Meeting; the tenants have complaints about the conditions of the complex and how their children cannot live in apartments filled with asbestos. Waiting for a date to meet with the Commissioner of Human Rights, the Department of Buildings, and Legal Hand.

**Health & Senior Citizens Committee:** Represented by Maxine Brannon, Chairperson  
The Health and Senior Citizens Committee's first meeting under her leadership will be held in January. Ms. Brannon will ask the District Manager to forward a letter to the Board, asking members to join the committee.

**VII. ELECTION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** Yvette Sledge, Nominating Chairperson  
Last month Maurice Muir was nominated, and accepted the nomination for Parliamentarian. Since the last meeting, Mr. Muir has declined the nomination. The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Parliamentarian. Reverend Thorbs-McGee nominated Reverend Richard Hogan, nomination seconded by Glenn Greenidge. Reverend Hogan accepted the nomination. Ballots were distributed to Board members for voting purposes.

**Slate:**

- Chairperson: Adrienne Adams
- 2nd Vice Chairperson: Reverend C. Princess Thorbs-McGee
- Secretary: Rene Cheatham-Hill
- Parliamentarian: Reverend Richard Hogan.

The 2017 – 2019 Term Officers were sworn in by Councilman Rory Lancman, 24<sup>th</sup> C.D.

Adrienne Adams – Chairperson

Reverend C. Princess Thorbs-McGee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson

Rene Cheatham-Hill – Secretary

Reverend Richard Hogan – Parliamentarian

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.