



# Community Board 12

## The City of New York

### Borough of Queens

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**Rev. Carlene O. Thorbs**  
 CHAIRPERSON

**Khaleel Bragg**  
 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY BOARDS

**Yvonne Reddick**  
 DISTRICT MANAGER

### Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00pm

| Members Present - 27       |   |  |
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| Ahnaf Alam                 | Mohammad Ali                                    | Angela Allen                                     |
| Wanda Best                 | Jacqueline Boyce                                | Kenny Carter                                     |
| Manuel Caughman            | Marcia Francis                                  | Glenn Greenidge                                  |
| Nurul Haque                | Rene Cheatham Hill                              | Khondokar Tarikul Islam                          |
| Vishal Hardowar, Esq.      | Jolander Headley                                | Crystal Isaac                                    |
| Audrey Lee Jacobs          | Celeste James                                   | Chantel Johnson                                  |
| Al Hussan-Kanu             | Bilal Karriem, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson | Michele Keller, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson |
| Donald Murphy              | Akther H. Rahman                                | Krystal Roberts                                  |
| Fitzroy Searles, Secretary | Amanda Sewanan                                  | Florence Simmons                                 |
| Owen Shakespeare           | Rev. C. Princess Thorbs-Mcgee,<br>Chairperson   | Toni Totten                                      |
| Linette Townsley           | Jeanette Wilson                                 | Patricia Wooden                                  |
| Khari White                |   |  |

| Members Absent or Excused – 22 |                      |                         |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Maxine Allen                   | Jean Randolph-Castro | Tanbir Chowdhury        |
| Clifton Stanley Diaz           | Yullanda Hinds       | Clementine James        |
| Dawn Kelly                     | Latoya Legrand       | Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey |
| Rev. Edward Mckay              | Angela Miskis        | Abdus Salaam Musa       |
| Shah Nawaz                     | Charline Ogbeni      | Yvette Sledge           |
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Rev. Thorbs welcomed attendees and called the general meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### **Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs**

### **District Manager's Report – Yvonne Reddick**

Ms. Reddick announced that Lithium-Ion batteries are used in various devices. These batteries are commonly used in cell phones, laptops, tablets, electric cars, and scooters; Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can pose a threat if not treated properly. A small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

When purchasing devices, be sure that the equipment has the Underwriter's Laboratories Mark. The UL Mark shows that the product has been safety tested. You should follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging and storage. Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or a couch. Always use the manufacturer's cord and power adapter made specifically for the device. Keep battery devices at room temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight.

Store batteries away from anything flammable. If battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape (color, leaking, or odd noises from a device) discontinue use immediately. It is safe to do, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

### **Business Session**

Bilal Karriem made a motion for the board to enter its business session. The motion was seconded by Glenn Greenidge and passed unanimously.

Bilal Karriem made a motion to accept October 18, 2023 minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Chantel Johnson.

Kenny Carter made a motion for the board to close its business session. The motion was seconded by Bilal Karriem and passed unanimously.

### **Committees to Report**

#### **Land Use Committee – Vishal Hardowar, Esq.**

1. In the matter of BSA Application #2023-19-A, (107-27/29/31/33 155<sup>th</sup> Street, Block: 10134, Lot # 12) submitted by Rothkrug & Spencer, LLP. The Application is for an appeal pursuant to the common law doctrine of vested rights for reinstatement of permits issued by the Department of Buildings ("DOB") for four cellar and three-story residential buildings.

**Recommendation made by the Land Use Committee Chairperson, Vishal Hardowar, Esq to approve the application.**

**19 Approved      8 Opposed      0 Abstain**

2. Shristi Bajracharya Shakya, Borough Planner, Queens office, will be speak on the City of Yes for Economic Opportunities (COYEO) proposal which is the second citywide text amendment that is going through the public review process currently.

**Recommendation made by the Land Use Chairperson, Vishal Hardowar, Esq to table application until the full board meeting January 17, 2024 approve the application.**

3. BSA Application #2023-55-BZ (149-04 Rockaway Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11436, Block: 12101, Lot # 22) submitted by Eric Palatnik, P.C. The Application is to permit a Use Group 16 automotive service station with accessory uses located in an R5D/C2-3 zoning district.

**Motion made by Chairperson Thorbs to table vote until December 13, 2023 full board meeting, seconded by Vishal Hardowar, Esq.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm as there was no other business.