



Community Board 12

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Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
 7:00pm

Members Present - 41		
Ahnaf Alam	Mohammad Ali	Angela Allen
Wanda Best	Jacqueline Boyce	Maxine Brannon
Kenny Carter	Manuel Caughman	Marcia Francis
Glenn Greenidge	Vishal Hardowar, Esq.	Nurul Haque
Jolander Headley	Rene Cheatham Hill, Treasurer	Yullanda Hinds
Crystal Isaac	Khondokar Tarikul Islam	Audrey Lee Jacobs
Celeste James	Clementine James	Chantel Johnson
Al Hassan-Kanu	Bilal Karriem, 1st Vice Chairperson	Michele Keller
Dawn Kelly	Latoya LeGrand	Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey
Angela Miskis	Donald Murphy	Abdus Salaam Musa, Parliamentarian
Shah Nawaz	Charline Ogbeni	Akther H. Rahman
Krystal Roberts	Owen Shakespeare	Rev. C. Princess Thorbs-McGee, Chairperson
Toni Totten	Linette Townsley	Jeanette Wilson
Patricia Wooden		

Members Absent or Excused – 7

Jean Randolph-Castro	Clifton Stanley Diaz	Rev. Edward McKay
Fitzroy Searles, Secretary	Amanda Sewanan	Yvette Sledge
Khari White, 3 rd Vice Chairperson		

Rev. Thorbs welcomed attendees and called the general meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs

Chairperson Thorbs read all the announcements submitted to CB12.

Chairperson Thorbs wished everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Welcome to our first community board meeting for 2024.

Chairperson Thorbs attended a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday for Coldstone on Jamaica Avenue. Bilal Karriem and I attended the MLK event; given by Senator Conroy, which was well attended at JC. I have attended several other meetings during this month.

Chairperson Thorbs stated there is much work to be done in our community and I ask that you let your voices and your opinions be heard. And that you stay engaged. Don't allow yourself to be led blindly. You are intelligent people. Thank you so much for taking the time to come to the General Meeting, we will try to get to as many questions with these topics as possible.

District Manager's Report – Yvonne Reddick

Ms. Reddick stated that The NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) is the city agency responsible for licensing and regulating New York City's yellow and green taxis, for hire vehicles, commuter vans, and paratransit vehicles.

TLC's Accessible Dispatch Program provides wheelchair accessible yellow and green taxi service to passengers whose trips originate anywhere in the five boroughs and end in the five boroughs, Westchester County, Nassau County, or any of New York City's three regional airports.

Vacate Order

- 103-16 168 Place
- 158-14 137 Avenue
- 118-41 204 Street
- 173-42 105 Avenue
- 90-04 182 Street

Business Session

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

Bilal Karriem made a motion to accept December 20, 2023, minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Chantel Johnson.

Correction made to December 20, 2023, General Meeting attendance. The following members were present: Sharon Sweeting-Lindsay, Angela Miskis, Dawn Kelly, Celest James, and Shah Nawaz. Spelling – Latoya LeGrand, separate Chantel Johnson name.

Lucille Songhai, MTA

Queens has more bus routes, and bus riders, than any other borough, there are 113 bus routes that serve 800,000 customers on an average weekday. Many of the routes follow old trolley lines, incremental changes have resulted in slow, indirect routes with closely spaced bus stops.

MTA asked customers how they should prioritize their efforts to develop a better bus network. It was answered with the four priorities: Reliable service, faster travel, better connections, and simplified service.

MTA is proposing bus stop changes. Increasing bus stop spacing speeds up buses and improves reliability for customers.

Committees to Report

Land Use Committee – Vishal Hardowar, Esq.

1. The City of Yes for Economic Opportunities (COYEO) proposal which is the second citywide text amendment. There are 18 proposals and, how these proposals could improve the Economic Opportunity in NYC.

Motion made by Vishal Hardowar, Esq. to oppose the application with suggestions made by the Committee, seconded by Glenn Greenidge; motion passed.

Recommendation: Based on the above discussion. The LUC moved, seconded, and adopted a motion recommending that Community Board 12 reject all 18 proposals of the City of Yes for Economic Opportunities.

36 Members Approved to disapprove the Application 0 opposed 0 Abstention

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm as there was no other business.