



# Community Board 12

## The City of New York

### Borough of Queens

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### COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

#### April 18, 2018

#### MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

- PRESIDING: Rene Hill, Chairperson
- PRESENT: Maxine Allen, Treasurer  
Melvin Artis  
Yasinul Ashraf  
Jacqueline Boyce  
David Bucknor  
Kenneth Carter  
Manuel Caughman  
Clifton Stanley Diaz  
Alexandra Dyer  
Daniel Englander  
Mabel Everett  
Marcia Francis  
Nadi Ghaness  
Thomas Greenaway  
Glenn Greenidge  
Dora Griszal  
Ian Harris  
Nurul Haque  
James Heyliger  
Rene Hill, Chairperson  
Derek Irby  
Khondokar Tarikul Islam  
Audrey Lee Jacobs  
Clementine James

Bilal Karriem  
Michele Keller, Secretary  
Gregory Mays  
Rev. Edward McKay  
Tunisia Morrison  
Rodney Pride  
Kamal Saleem  
Florence Simmons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Yvette Sledge  
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Toni Totten  
Bryan White  
Amir Abbady  
Nigel Barker  
Geraldine Taylor-Brown  
Brittany Chambers  
Barbara Duncan  
Mary A. Childs  
Patrick Evans  
Joan Flowers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Richard Hogan  
Celeste James  
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson  
Margaret Kirkland  
Michelle Kirkland  
Kemar Newman  
Jean Phelps  
Luc-Art Severe  
Benjamin Wright, Jr.

ABSENT:

**I. CORRESPONDENCE**

Announcements were read by Michele Keller, Secretary

**II. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Reminded everyone that the Board Meeting is live on Facebook, and not to give out any personal information.

Will not be giving a report tonight because we have a busy schedule tonight. There are some landmark issues to be dealt with, and the Board will have to vote on a Resolution later in the meeting.

**III. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

The Close to Home program started in 2012 and is funded by the city and state, its mission was to bring the youth home to NYC from Upstate detention. Their aftercare services have been provided by ACS and it will now be run by the provider. As of October 2018 they will be raising the age. They are proposing a budget cut of \$45 Million dollars from the program.

The Borough President, Jamaica Now, Sanitation, the Association of Community

Employment (A.C.E) Programs for the Homeless and other partners have started a clean-up initiative on Guy R Brewer Boulevard from South Road to 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This will be a six (6) month pilot program. There will be two (2) A.C.E workers on Guy R Brewer five days a week cleaning the area.

National Grid is installing new gas pipes on Marsden Street between 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 166<sup>th</sup> Street. Reference Number: SEQNS002 the project will be approximately 120 days.

SE848\_Infrastructure in the Baisley Boulevard Area

156<sup>th</sup> Street from 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Tree Pruning)

158<sup>th</sup> Street from 129<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Tree Pruning)

140<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 155<sup>th</sup> Street to 157<sup>th</sup> Street (Water Main Installation)

132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 156<sup>th</sup> Street to 158<sup>th</sup> Street (Saw Cutting for Water Main Installation)

158<sup>th</sup> Street from 129<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Saw Cutting for Water Main Installation)

156<sup>th</sup> Street from 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Water Main Installation)

QED1025\_Water Main in various locations in Saint Albans Farmers Blvd. from Suffolk Drive to Dunkirk.

Vacate Order

1. 187-09 Brinkerhoff Avenue

2. 115-72 205<sup>th</sup> Street

\*The DM's full report was provided to all members and is on file at CB 12's District Office

***Elected Officials and their Representatives were acknowledged by the Chairperson.***

**Councilmember Adrienne Adams, 28<sup>th</sup> C.D.**

Under the Land Use Committee, she also Chairs the sub-committee on Landmarks, Public Citing and Maritime Usage. In addition to all of this, Councilmember Adams is also a member of the Women's Caucus and the Black/Latino and Asian Caucus. She also sits on the budget negotiating team. Passed her first piece of Legislation last week; as you know the "Me Too" movement has been very prevalent. Introduced Intro 613-A, this mandates that all city agencies to conduct risk assessments to prevent sexual harassment in the work place.

It is budget season in the NYC Council; the Councilmembers has been meeting with several agencies, organizations, and constituents to ensure that funding for our communities is properly allocated to receive their fair share. A couple of weeks ago Councilmember Adams, along with her colleagues sent their response to the Mayor's fiscal 2019 preliminary budget and fiscal 2018 preliminary management report. Among other things their intention in the Council was to propose a \_\_\_\_\_ to the City's capital budget. New Capital priorities and provide steps to improve the transparency and effectiveness of the City's overall budget process. Their response to proposal not only mandates the balanced budget in the Mayor's preliminary plan, but it identifies an additional \$211,000,000 surplus by the end of fiscal year 2019.

**Det. Tanya Duhaney, 113<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, Community Affairs**

The 113<sup>th</sup> Precinct will be hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Prom Impact Drive on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Richard Grossley School (IS 8) located at 108-35 167<sup>th</sup> , Street, Jamaica, NY 11433.

From 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Det. Duhaney and her unit, and Patrol Borough Queens South will be distributing the items to males and females; if anyone is in need of prom attire, graduation attire or for further information contact: 113 Community Affairs at 646-246-8292.

**Det. Marc Costa, 103<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct, Community Affairs**

The crime stats for the 28 day period – murders 0, rapes 2, robberies 29, felony assaults 26, burglaries 8, grand larcenies 26, grand larcenies of automobiles 5. The precinct is slightly up from last year, a total of 96 from 89; which gives them a 7.87% rise in the major index crimes.

**IV. PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Austin, Director, Long Island National Cemetery**

There is an urban initiative coming into St. Albans and the urban initiative was a project of the Veterans Administration; which began about 8 years ago. The VA listened to their veterans. This initiative is to establish a Columbarium only national cemetery so that the veterans in Jamaica will not have to travel the far distant to Long Island and Covington.

St. Albans will be one of the very first, and one of the 8 urban initiatives that will be Developed. A Columbarium Only National Cemetery is a mausoleum with niches in the walls; within each niche it holds two regular sized urns. One of the primary reasons the VA went with the Columbarium Only, is the constant increase for funeral services.

The project is still under development. Ms. Austin will only be responsible for the Columbarium once it is open.

**V. BUSINESS SESSION**

Michele Keller, Secretary, 35 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced

**I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion to adopt the April 18, 2018 minutes was made by Bilal Karriem, seconded by Glenn Greenidge, the motion passed.

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Economic Committee:** Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson

The Committee discussed the current implications of the local development projects; 143-18 Liberty Ave, 144-15 Liberty Ave, 147-07 94<sup>th</sup> Ave, 94-01 Sutphin Blvd (Rita Starks).

As we have been discussing the infrastructure resources that will be impacted and needed for this influx of people. I was alerted by John Flateau that this next census will be digital. As I understand it, there will not be the hardcopy delivered to our doorsteps. What that means to us is that as a community we need to start preparing folks to get on computers to fill out the surveys. Our community has been undercounted in the past which impacts federal services, voting districts and funding sources for businesses.

HPD is planning to convert some of the existing properties into affordable housing, we are awaiting their plans. City Planning will be proposing a special permit for hotel development in certain M1 areas which may help to slow down some of the hotel development in our area.

**Education Committee:** Represented by Joan Flowers, Esq., Chairperson

April 4<sup>th</sup>: Queens Borough President sponsored a College Night. There were representatives from the State University in New York (SUNY), City University of New York (CUNY), The College Board, Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) and The Foundation Center. Our Queens Representative from the Panel for Education Policy (PEP), Deborah Dillingham, was there. She has agreed to attend our CB 12 Ed. Committee meeting to hear our concerns and to discuss educational planning matters for our area.

District 27: The schools that were slated to close due to poor performance (MS 53 and PS/MS 42) will remain open. There are proposals for District 75 programs to be placed in some of the D27 schools. The vote by the PEP will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2018. D27 Wendy Pratt, CEC 27 President, is willing to support the CB12 Ed committee and keep us fully informed about D27 events and occurrences; and the Education Committee of CB 12 is supportive of parents in that district. The 3K program is expected to roll out in this District in the 2018-2019 school year.

There is a new Chancellor at NYC schools, Richard Carranza, from Houston, Texas.

The CB 12 Education Committee is looking forward to working collaboratively with other CB 12 Committees, e.g. the Economic Development Committee, as we move forward in supporting the improved academic success of our students.

**By-Laws Committee: Represented by Audrey Lee Jacobs, Chairperson**

During the meeting of the By-Laws Committee for the month of March meeting of the By-Laws Committee for the month of March 2018, the following sections of the By-Laws were reviewed, discussed and/or revised:

1. **Call to Order: Chairperson**
  - i. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Review of Sections of By-Laws Adopted January 20, 2010**
  - i. Sections of By-Laws Revised as of January 31, 2018
  - ii. Article XIV. Removal of An Officer from Office
    1. Should there be a required minimum of Community Board and/or Executive Committee meetings attended by Officers in order to retain the officer position?
    2. What is an 'excused absence?'
    3. How should illnesses be handled?
    4. Should 'documented illnesses' be deducted from the number of absences?
  - iii. Article X. Responsibility of Community Board Members
    1. Section 1(a)
      - a. What is process for notification to the Borough President of three (3) consecutive absences?
      - b. What is process for removal of a board member?

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

Meeting commenced with round table introduction of participants at 7:00 p.m. DOT representative, Michael Griffith started the presentation with an overview of the transportation study by explaining why it was initiated. He cited the agencies involvement in ensuring traffic improvement.

The thirty five page power point presentation included the following: Major Initiatives

- Atlantic Avenue Extension
- Station Plaza Project
- York College Campus Expansion
- Van Wyck Expressway Widening
- NYCT Bus Depot Expansion
- Jamaica Airport Gateway (GJDC/RPA)
- Downtown Revitalization Initiative
- Citywide Community Van Study
- Citywide Freight Plan
- Streetscape & Urban Design Plan

DOT has outlined its goals, objectives and study area. The **goal** is to improve travel and traffic conditions in the study areas that should enhance mobility, pedestrian and vehicle safety, quality of life and increase economic activity. The **objectives** are to analyze existing traffic conditions, assess future travel demands, develop recommendations to reduce congestion and improve travel speeds, enhance safety, improve transit service and improve pedestrian mobility.

The **primary study areas** are Hillside Avenue, 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Liberty Avenue, Van Wyck Expressway. The **secondary study areas** are Union Turnpike, 193<sup>rd</sup> Street, Farmers Boulevard, Linden Boulevard, 130<sup>th</sup> Street/Austin Street. To initiate the study process, several steps were taken:

- Study Initiation & Scope of Work
- Data collection
- Community Input
- Existing conditions analysis 2016
- Implement short term recommendations
- Future conditions analysis for 2026
- Develop and evaluate improvement measures
- Draft final report
- Project development, design and implementation
- Final

The study incorporated many other considerations to assist in fact finding problems and solutions. The study plan collected data and analysis to understand factors such as demographics, zoning and land use, traffic, parking, transit, pedestrian and bicycles, trucks and product distribution and vehicle safety.

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

The snow season has been longer than usual. The garages indicated that not too many people signed in for snow jobs. There has been some irregular garbage pickup because of this since the trucks and workers were involved in the snow clean up. Sure enough there were dumping in some areas but the garages were prompt when calls were made of such instances.

Ms. Reddick forwarded a correspondence to me from the Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board (QSWAB) organizing committee. The letter was signed by Wylie Goodman who invited the

sanitation chair and committee of CB12 to join their organization. QSWAB can be contacted at (917) 601-5010.

The next sanitation meeting will be held on April 26, 2018, Thursday at 7pm at the district office 90-28 161 street Jamaica NY 11432. PLEASE make every effort to attend.

**Senior Citizen and Health Committee:** Represented by Maxine Allen, Chairperson  
Attended Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting on March 28, 2018 at Queens Hospital Center; their deficit is less. President Roker expects the deficit gap to be eliminated by 2020. Ribbon cutting for the expansion of the Emergency Room will be in May and a 3D Mammography machine should arrive soon. The CAB is in need of consumers to fill vacant Board member positions.

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#### **VI. VOTE ON LANDMARK RESOLUTION**

Voting Results: 33 Approvals; 0 Opposition; 2 Abstentions

**VOTE ON LANDMARK RESOLUTION:** Motion to accept the Resolution to deny application submitted by homeowner to Landmark was made by Glenn Greenidge seconded by Bilal Karriem.

Community Board 11 has a historic district; the City has decided they would like to make the decisions and cut out the community board. The City wants to tell the community what they would like to see in their communities. Community Board 11 made a Resolution and it passed, Chairperson Hill would like for the Board to also submit a similar Resolution to the City.

#### **Voting Results to adopt Community Board 11's Resolution:**

35 Approvals; 0 Opposition; 0 Abstentions

Motion to adopt Community Board 11's Resolution with changes made by Glenn Greenidge seconded by Bilal Karriem.

#### **Public Forum**

Nathaniel Hezekiah – In the process of working with Community Board 12 to make sure that we do get the Postmaster to attend the Board meeting to answer some of the communities' questions. I have been working on some of the postal issues in the district, in conjunction with Mr. Caughman and Mr. Diaz. Had a meeting last week with the Tri-Boro Management Office with several other members of Congress representatives, regarding the postal issues that are going on in the area. The GoPost allows individuals to submit packages to GoPost which is located at the Post Office; individuals can go online to register to sign up. For individuals who feel that they are not getting all of their mail, they can have informed delivery, in which a person can register on line to preview your mail and packages that will be delivered that day.

For those of you that are Seniors, the new Medicare Cards are starting to be issued as of April 2018; information provided by the centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services about the changes you need to know about the new Medicare Card. The cards will be issued between April 2018 and April 2019.

The Congressman is hosting a discussion with the youth at Roy Wilkins Park Southern Queens Park Association building this Saturday, April 21, 2018 in the gymnasium. The Congressman would like to hear from the youth on issues that are going on throughout the country.

Bishop Norris stated he notified the elected officials that the community needed trade schools; according to Bishop Norris the Elected Officials will consider it.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.