



Community Board 12

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

April 17, 2019

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

- **PRESIDING:** Rene Hill, Chairperson
- **PRESENT:** Amir Abbady
Mohammed Ali
Maxine Allen
Melvin Artis, Parliamentarian
Yasinul Ashraf
Jacqueline Boyce
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
Manuel Caughman
Brittany Chambers
Kenneth Carter
Clifton Stanley Diaz
Marcia Francis
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Glenn Greenidge
Dora Grizell
Vishal Hardowar
Ian Harris
Nurul Haque
Rene Hill, Chairperson
Derek Irby
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Audrey Lee Jacobs
Celeste James
Clementine James
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson, Executive Secretary
Al-Hassan Kanu

Bilal Karriem
Rev. Bernadette Logan
Wanda Manley
Gregory Mays
Rev. Edward McKay
Shah Nawaz
Jean Phelps
Rodney Pride
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
Kamal Saleem
Yvette Sledge
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Bryan White
Benjamin Wright, Jr.
Barbara Duncan
Mabel Everett
Joan Flowers, 1st Vice Chairperson
Thomas Greenaway
James Heyliger
Richard Hogan
Michele Keller
Michelle Kirkland
Toni Totten

ABSENT:

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Announcements were read by Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson, Executive Secretary

II. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- Welcomed the new members, and reappointed members to the March Community Board 12 meeting; CB 12 did not meet in February due to the snow storm. Each new member should have an Orientation Manual in their folders, the Chair will email a copy of the Manual to all the other members. The new members should also have a copy of the By-Laws and a copy of the Robert's Rule of Law cheat sheet in their folder.
- The calendar listing all meetings is posted on Facebook, and each member is emailed a copy of the meeting dates. I will be assigning members to a committee, since attendance at committee meetings is needed.
- There are two presentations scheduled for this evening's meeting: TWA Hotel General Manager and the NYC Conflict of Interest Board.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

- 2019 Charter Commission Second Round of Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday April 30, 2019
6:00pm at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center 153-10 Jamaica NY 11432.
- Mr. Mark Holmes Chief Officer of Operations Planning for MTA presented at the Queens Borough Cabinet Meeting. The Queens Bus Network Redesign: The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) have a fast forward plan.
Priorities: Transform the subway
Reimagine the bus network

Accelerate Accessibility
Engage and empower employees

Foundations: Agility & accountability
Safety, security & resilience
Customer service & communication

- The Queens Bus networks is being reimagined because the Queens Bus Network has not substantially changed in decades; many follow old trolley routes. As the customers' needs change, MTA must change with them. Queens' local bus ridership has declined 2.5% between 2016 and 2017. Queens' express bus ridership is down 1% between 2016 and 2017. Bus speeds continue to decline at 3% slower since 2015 at 8.9 MPH.

*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.

Commanding Officer Fortune, 103rd Precinct

- There has been an increase in overall crime by 15%, felony assaults, stolen cars, and domestic violence is what is driving the numbers up. Rapes up 5 vs. 2; 4 of the 5 incidences are domestic violence related; 2 of the 5 are closed by arrests and the remaining cases that are open are being handled by their Special Victims Unit. Felony assaults are also during the crime rate up significantly 20 vs 22, an even 2% increase 55% more than half of the incidences are domestic violence related, 25 of those 40 are closed due to arrests, continue through the domestic violence office to provide outreach to continually follow up with the victims of these crimes. Robberies down 41%, 19 vs. 32., Burglaries 10 vs. 10; 2 incidents burglary patterns in the vicinity of 165 Street and Hillside; both incidents re closed due to arrests. Stolen cars and GLA are up 11 vs. 4; 5 of the incidents all involved vehicles with keys either left in the ignition, door lock, or just running; please secure your vehicles and take your keys with you. Grand larcenies are down 3%; try to drop off your mail as close to pick up time as possible and deliver directly to your post office.
- There was a homicide on Saturday, April 13, 2019 approximately 6:04 a.m. at 108-49 Guy R. Brewer Blvd.; male black 48 years old shot numerous times while sitting in a car. Pronounced deceased at Jamaica Hospital; incident is narcotics related. Looking for help in identifying the perpetrator; looking for a white 2014 Infiniti, unknown model with a sunroof. Pictures of the vehicle have been posted on their Facebook and Twitter pages. Any information regarding the incident of the car they are looking to identify, they encourage you to call the TIP Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS.

PRESENTATION

Roy Koshee, Education and Engagement Specialist, NYC Conflict of Interest Board

- We are city agency responsible for the Conflict of Interest law; these laws applies to all city employees. Under the law, as per the City Charter, Community Board members are considered to be employees. This training is mandatory, not only for Community Board members, but for anyone who is considered employed by the City of New York.
- The Conflict of Interest Law is set forth in Chapter 16 of the New York City Charter, it deals with the intersection between a public City job and our private interest. Board Members were appointed to the board because they are an important member of the community, and have a private interest in the community. This law ensures that Community Board members are not misusing their position as a Community Board member to benefit their personal, private interest.

- The rule about voting in general, is that Community Board members cannot vote on anything that may net a direct financial benefit to them. Community Board members that are employed at a City agency cannot vote on matters that involve their city agency.
- Former Community Board members cannot represent a private financial interest in their own community for an entire year.

Ed Palmer, Manager/Director for MCR Properties at the TWA Hotel

- We are restoring this amazing property, TWA Flight Center at JFK at Terminal 5, looking to hire almost 800 individuals. We want the Queens community to be involved in this project, want to employ individuals who are local in the community.
- It has been about 3 years since we first put the shovel in the ground, it took a lot of effort and support, and I thank you. We are the first in airport property at JFK; attached to Terminal 5 which is JetBlue. JFK is the 5th largest operating Airport in the United States; there are 170,000 people that go through the airport a day. We are hiring positions in all sorts of facets, sales, revenue management, finance, culinary, housekeeping, rooms, front desk, etc. The website to apply is, TWAhotel.com/careers; someone will call you in no more than 48 hours.
- They will be supporting some of the local parks in the community, reached out and had some of the local parks come and do a tour of the hotel. His management is looking to give back to the community.

IV. **BUSINESS SESSION**

I. **ROLL CALL:** Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson, Secretary, 40 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced.

II **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bilal Karriem to accept January 16, 2019 and March 20, 2019, minutes with corrections, if needed, motion seconded by Ian Harris; the motion passed.

III **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Economic Development Committee: Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson

- There was a presentation on Jamaica Center Bid and small business services concerning the community development needs assessment. The boundaries consist of Jamaica Ave, between Sutphin Blvd. and 170; Hillside Ave, between 144th and 169th; and 165th Street between Archer Ae and Hillside, and Sutphin Blvd. between 94th Ave and Hillside Ave. There are over 1,000 businesses, over 800 active store fronts, and 535 consumers, and 474 property owners. The most common businesses, the top 5 reported from the survey were clothing and shoe stores, profession and medical services, spas, salons, and beauty supply; limited services restaurants, pharmacies, optical, and health stores. 89% of businesses surveyed were renters, if you don't own the property in your commercial area, you cannot dictate who comes in. It is important for everyone to look at owning property on commercial strips in their neighborhoods. Many of the individuals surveyed said they would like to see department stores and chain stores, healthier food options, more restaurants and eating options, art, entertainment, and community centers.
- Every Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Air Train Terminal we have live jazz; please come out and enjoy. The Sutphin Blvd. Bid is having an event on May 9, 2019, where we are honoring some mothers from the community.

Education Committee, Represented by Geri-Taylor Brown

- Congratulated Ms. Aracelia Cook, who will be graduating with her Master's Degree,
- The Committee decided that they will not be meeting on a monthly basis, however, they will meet every other month. If there is an urgency that they need to meet, they will do a telephone conference (conference calls are not permitted per Borough Hall, because public cannot attend)).
- Report from CDC 29, which is sponsoring their 50th annual Science Fair for children on June 1, 2019 at the I.S. 192 building from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- They did have a discussion about Charter Schools, and about a concern that maybe they need to offer some other options in the community; at the June 18, 2019 they will be inviting the Director of Charter Schools to attend the meeting to discuss the possibility of having a Charter School, the Committee will write a proposal for in a grass roots way for their community.

Youth Committee, Represented by Bilal Karriem

- Requested a moment of silence for Mr. Herbert Huntley, husband of the Hon. Shirley Huntley who passed away this weekend.
- The Black Family Empowerment Summit will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Queens Educational Opportunity Center located 158-29 Archer Ave, Jamaica, NY 11433. The 2-day conference is geared to Educate, Enlighten, and Empower our community. We will discuss issues that impact our community and explore career opportunities.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

