



Community Board 12 The City of New York Borough of Queens

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

MINUTES

The monthly General Meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

- I. PRESIDING: Adrienne E. Adams, Chairperson
- II. PRESENT: Adrienne E. Adams
Melvin Artis
Nigel Barker
Jacqueline Boyce
Maxine Brannon
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
David Bucknor
Kenneth Carter
Patrick Evans
Mabel Everett
Joan Flowers
Nadi Ghaness
Thomas Greenaway
Glenn Greenidge
Ian Harris
James Heyliger
Rene Cheatham-Hill
Richard Hogan
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Audrey Lee Jacobs
Celeste James
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson
Bilal Karriem
Gregory Mays
Edward McKay, 1st Vice Chairperson
Rodney Pride

Maurice Muir
Kamal Saleem
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
Toni Totten
Bryan White
Benjamin Wright, Jr., Treasurer

ABSENT: Brittany Chambers
Manuel Caughman
Mary A. Childs
Barbara Duncan
D. Alexander Dyer
Daniel Englander
Dora Griszell
Calvin Hewitt
Clementine James
Michele Keller
Margaret Kirkland
Michelle Kirkland
Tusinia Morrison
Kemar Newman
Luc El-Art Severe
Yvette Sledge
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Announcements were read by Rene Cheatham-Hill, Secretary

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The month of April is the beginning of a New Year for New York City Community Boards and the time that I typically mention the role of Community Boards. This evening, we extend a warm welcome to our newest members, new members please stand. Welcome to Community Board 12! You will be welcomed again by the Borough President at your orientation and swearing-in ceremony, but until then, I'd like you to know that Community Boards are public advisory boards that consider the needs of the districts that we serve. We are the first line of communication to agencies that are in service or wish to be in service to our community. Community Boards cooperate with, consult, assist, and advise any public officer, agency, local administrators of agencies, legislative body or the Borough President with respect to matters relating to the welfare of the districts and residents. We do not have the final say in the decision-making of agencies or legislative bodies, although we are the eyes and ears of those entities that we work with. Community Boards have a role in decisions on land use, the preparation of the capital and expense budgets, and in the monitoring of local service delivery.

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

V. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

The Department of Sanitation is back on its regular schedule 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., recycling during night collection is over. We continue to have a major dumping problem in Community board 12; the locations are all recurring hotspots, cleaned up by DSNY repeatedly. This issue must be addressed on a higher level, i.e.: security cameras.

HWQ121B4 Reconstruction of Lakeview Blvd. east, the project is 70% completed; on 122nd Ave from Lakeview East to Lakeview Lane, new sidewalk on the North Side existing roadway and installation of new concrete road base. 133rd Ave from Lakeview Blvd. east to Lakeview Lane- installation of new concrete road base. Lakeview Lane from 122nd Ave to Baisley Blvd. - new curb installation on the east side.

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Acknowledgement of Elected Officials and their Representatives was made by the Chairperson

VI. BUSINESS SESSION

Rene Cheatham-Hill, Secretary, pronounced quorum; roll call: 24 members present

- I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion to adopt the March 15, 2017 minutes was made by Bilal Karriem, seconded by Glenn Greenidge, the motion passed.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Committee: Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson
The committee discussed the upcoming Economic Development Summit planned during the month of May at York College. We are awaiting meeting with local elected officials. We reviewed/discussed proposed deliverable outcomes for our guests from TruFund; **Proposed Deliverables:** Presentation on leveraging power of CDFIs for Southeast Queens MWBEs; MWBEs using alternative financing options to access capital; introduction of NMTC as a financing option for local development & MWBEs. The Panel Discussion focused on: MWBE resources, successful MWBE working models, MWBE support in acquiring contracts, craft a future "Train the Trainers" workshop. The committee distinguished on the target audience: MWBEs, entrepreneurs, small business owners, community leaders wishing to support economic development in Southeast Queens.

Blocks United Subcommittee: Represented by Reverend Edward McKay, Chairperson
The committee discussed conditions affecting the community such as illegal dumping, tractor trailers parking in residential areas, illegal advertisement signs and posters attached to street lamps. Detective Charles Lovelock and Officer Wilchez from the 113th Precinct spoke on quality of life issues that have been addressed and resolved. Detective Lovelock stated that residents should call 911 immediately if they see illegal dumping in their neighborhood.

Education Committee: Represented by Joan Flowers, Chairperson
The Committee continued with planning their Parent Forum. The committee reviewed topics to be discussed at the forum in an effort to address some of the issues that parents and children encounter when navigating the education system. Suggested topics: the application process for all grades from Pre-K through high school; child welfare issues such as: custody, homelessness, immigration, dealing with incarcerated parents, stress relief, community engagement, and extracurricular activities. Local elected officials were sent a letter of invitation to participate. A member of the committee will be assigned to do a follow up call to the official and the liaison between the committee and the various offices.

Public Safety Committee: Represented by Patrick Evans, Chairperson
Guest Speakers: Chief Sandra Williams and Joseph Cruz, CERT, gave a presentation on CERT workshops. The committee debriefed on the finer points for the meeting with CERT's Reps. Discussed in detail the request of CB12 Chairperson Adams – coordination with sub-committee Blocks United to organize a potential CB 12 CERT certification training class. There was also follow-up with committee members, Kamal Saleem and Earl Roberts concerning

their interest in a CERT workshop at Rochdale Village. Committee members will attend the April 17, 2017 113th Police Council meeting in hopes of getting answers to the Rochdale Village cul-de-sac blockage matter. Mr. Evans and Mr. Thomas are to meet to do an on-site investigation of the construction business at 116th Ave and 146 Streets. Mr. Evans will make contact with the Fire Safety Community Affairs department. The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 25, 2017.

By Laws Committee: Represented by Audrey Lee Jacobs, Chairperson
The committee will meet on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at Roy Wilkins Park. Members must be a member of Community Board 12 to sit on the committee.

Unanimous consent was granted to conclude the Business Session.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

113th Police Precinct Command: Provided CompStat and NCO Updates, entertained public Q&A
Mr. Bernard Warren, President, Webb & Brooker, Inc.: Informed the Community Board and audience of how to effectively apply for affordable housing in light of the unprecedented economic development happening in the districts of CB12.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

Iyana Rush, Complete Girls, Inc.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.