



Community Board 12

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

June 17, 2020

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

- PRESIDING: Rene Hill, Chairperson
- PRESENT: Mohammad Ali
Melvin Artis, Parliamentarian
Maxine Brannon
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
Kenneth Carter
Clifton Stanley Diaz
Mabel Everett
Marcia Francis
Nadi Ghaness, Treasurer
Glenn Greenidge
Dora Griszell
Vishal Hardowar
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Rene Hill, Chairperson
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Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson, Executive Secretary
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Bilal Karriem
Michele Keller, 1st Vice Chairperson
Rev. Bernadette Logan
Rev. Edward McKay
Shah Nawaz
Kamal Saleem
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
Rev. C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Yvette Sledge
Toni Totten
Yasinul Ashraf
Jacqueline Boyce
Manuel Caughman
Derek Irby
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Audrey Lee Jacobs
Michelle Kirkland
Wanda Manley
Jean Phelps
Rodney Pride
Bryan White

ABSENT:

- Hopefully everyone has had a chance to review the Resolution from the Office of Relations that was sent via email.
- Attorney General Leticia James has been interviewing Elected Officials and protesters.
- Toni Totten is the Sanitation Chairperson, she is very good at helping individuals with the progress.
- Glenn Greenidge made a motion to add _____ to the agenda regarding the Resolution, Bilal Karriem second the motion. All in favor of the motion.

District Attorney Melinda Katz

- Working on making sure that individuals do not have to plea guilty to a drug case to get into drug court; make sure that you do not have to plea guilty to get into mental health court.
- Her email is Katz@queensda.org; it goes directly to her telephone; please do not say anything you do not want others to see.
- Please do not forget the Census, it is so important to be counted; and please do not to forget to go out and vote. There is an election in 6 days

Michael Butler, Novocognia, Inc.

- Represent a newly formed non-profit organization called Novocognia, Inc.; they began last year, and have been quietly working with the Community Board members (Dora Grizzell).
- Recently began corresponding with Rene Hill and Ms. Reddick to address the health concerns of the African American Community, specifically for kidney disease. There is a great need for education and engagement. Because of the Covid crisis this year, they had to cancel a lot of events that were planned, scheduled, and ready to go.
- They were scheduled to be in the Community Board 12 area in March to highlight World Kidney Day
- Involved with the National Kidney Foundation, earlier this year he was chosen to go through a 40 hour intensive training to get certified as a Self-Care Manager for a program they are envisioning in the near future.
- There is a high rate of diabetes, high pretension, and these numbers in time translate to kidney patients; we would like to put an end to this. The best way to do that is to educate everyone about the associations of these statues of diabetes, uncontrolled diabetes, uncontrolled high pretension, and other issues that can lead to kidney failure.

Yvonne Reddick, District Manager

- All of the agencies will be cut according to Mayor DE Blasio, but in the district 12, I was informed by Sanitation that the cuts will be include recycling and the litter baskets. One of the main things not being affected by the cut is garbage collection. Please call your Councilman to let them know that the Community does not want Sanitation cut.
- Community Board 12 district is the second largest board in Queens County, the second largest in the City; and with all the new developments going on, the Board cannot deal with the cuts.

Ilsa?????

- Everyone should have received from either the Board office or the Chairperson a proposed Resolution in regards to Inquiring into Information Used by the Office of Labor Relations when negotiating a new Union Contract with the Police Union.
- I am asking that the Board pass this Resolution, what it does is it just starts the formal process inquiring into the Office of Labor Relations. The goal of the whole effort is to begin to foster more transparency into how the police department does its business such as union contracts, collective bargaining agreements which in many ways serve to create and/or perpetuate some of the conduct within the police department.
- The end goal of the inquiry is to get to a point where the City produces a police department report card from period to period.

Michele Keller, 1st Vice Chair

- In response to the Resolution, I do not know if there is a deadline, but Mr. Ilsa is asking that the Board vote on the Resolution before the contract goes in. Sometimes each contract can go on for many years, because the union sit back and wait for other unions to get it.
- When Mr. Ilsa and I spoke he was speaking about the department report card. Spoke with former colleagues who are veterans with NYPD and still active in various ranks, there are similar proposals be put out now; I agree with some of the board Members to vote on the Resolution

tonight without having a clarity would be a mistake. I would like to discuss this Resolution with people that she respects; maybe the board can have another meeting in about a week or two to vote on the Resolution.

ROLL CALL: Rene Hill, Chairperson, 30 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced.

II ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Motion by _____ - to accept February 19, 2020 minutes with corrections, if needed, motion seconded by _____; the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.