



Community Board 12

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Borough of Queens

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

November 21, 2018

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

- PRESIDING: Rene Hill, Chairperson
- PRESENT: Amir Abbady
 Maxine Allen, Treasurer
 Jacqueline Boyce
 Geraldine Taylor-Brown
 Kenneth Carter
 Manuel Caughman
 Daniel Englander
 Mabel Everett
 Joan Flowers, 1st Vice Chair
 Marcia Francis
 Nadi Ghaness
 Glenn Greenidge
 Dora Griszell
 Ian Harris
 Nurul Haque
 Rene Hill, Chairperson
 Khondokar Tarikul Islam
 Audrey Lee Jacobs
 Celeste James
 Clementine James
 Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson
 Bilal Karriem
 Michele Keller
 Michelle Kirkland
 Gregory Mays

Rev. Edward McKay
Jean Phelps
Kamal Saleem
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Toni Totten
Bryan White
Benjamin Wright, Jr.
ABSENT: Melvin Artis
Yasinul Ashraf
Nigel Barker
Brittany Chambers
Clifton Stanley Diaz
Barbara Duncan
Thomas Greenaway
James Heyliger
Richard Hogan
Derek Irby
Tunisia Morrison
Kemar Newman
Rodney Pride
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
Yvette Sledge

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Announcements were read by Aiysha Jaggassar, Secretary

II. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- **A Community Board Chairperson attends meetings during the day and at night.** In the 25 business days since the last General Board meeting, I attended 20 meetings; 4 during the day and 16 at night.
- NYC Open Data Training workshop at the Queens Public Library in Flushing.
- Budget and land use training for Community Board Chairs.
- Build-the-Block, the Jamaica/Addisleigh Park community.
- The Guy R. Brewer Democratic Club meeting.
- October 29, 2018 – A City Council hearing, supported Councilman Miller; regarding the trucks parked illegally on our streets.
- October 29, 2018 – Queens Civic Foundation (coalition of all of the civics in Queens).
- Attended the JFK Resettlement MWBE Workshop on October 30, 2018.
- October 31, 2018 – the Queens Connection meeting.
- November 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. the Land Use Committee meeting.
- November 7, 2018 – Parks meeting. November 8, 2018 - meeting at Boro Hall to honor the Veterans.
- This is a full-time Volunteer job;
- November 12, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. attended Rev. McKay's veteran affair at the Theodore Jackson Senior Center.
- November 13, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m. had a Postmaster meeting with Mr. Caughman. Attended the Transportation Committee meeting on November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- November 14, 2018 – attended the Parent's Advisory Board at Boro Hall.
- November 16, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. – attended the Queens Connection event.

- November 19, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. – attended the Boro Board meeting for Chairpersons; discussed the new Charter; www.charter2019.nyc (this Charter was put together by the Council people).
- November 20, 2018 – attended the Education Committee meeting.
- The Committee Calendar has a committee meeting scheduled for Christmas Day, which is incorrect. Before you attend any of the meetings, please call the district office to make sure the meeting is still scheduled.

Elected Officials and their Representatives were acknowledged by the Chairperson.

PRESENTATION

1. Kenny Kelvin, Applebee's
 - Owns and operates 36 Applebee's within the 5 Boros (Westchester and Rockland Counties). We have a unique paperwork issue; we are looking to get a 30-day waiver for the liquor authority. We are cleared with the 103rd Precinct and 311, there are no violations or complaints on record. Everyone that works in the restaurants attends a responsible service and alcohol training program.

2. Selvena Brooks-Powers and Natasha Williams, Port Authority/JFK Redevelopment Program
 - Ms. Powers is one of the Managers for External Affairs and Community Outreach for the JFK Redevelopment Program.
 - Back in 2017 Governor Cuomo announced that our airports were not in position as one of the world class airports that it should be in a place like New York. The Governor decided that he would invest in our infrastructure in the airport, JFK is now slated to undergo redevelopment.
 - In October of this Year Governor Cuomo announced two terminal developers to begin the beginning stage of the redevelopment (Terminal 1 and JetBlue). With this, we are looking to do our role engaged with the community to be, in a sense, a liaison between the communities and the Port Authority to ensure that the voices in the community are heard.
 - A part of the JFK Redevelopment Program also comes with a 30% MWBE participation goal, the Governor tried to implicate this across the state. The Ports Authority Board then adapted the same policy. There is an aggressive effort to ensure that JFK Redevelopment is put together by 30% MWBE contractors thorough all phases through the program. There is an interest in the local MWBE's and local hiring.
 - A job fair will be held in Far Rockaway, there is an opening for General Maintainer. The website is www.anewjfk.com; we would plan to make sure that the website is up to date with contact opportunities, job opportunities, and events and incidents that they have on line.
 - Will be opening an office very soon in downtown Jamaica. The Advisory Council will meet Quarterly and in public. The first public meeting will be held on December 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at York College in the Faculty Dining Room.

Motion to open business section made by Amir Abbady, seconded by Ian Harris

V. BUSINESS SESSION

Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson, Secretary, 32 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced

I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Motion to accept October 17, 2018 minutes was made made by Kenny Carter, seconded by Glen Greenidge; the motion passed.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Good & Welfare Committee: Represented by Celeste James, Chairperson

- I will still be collecting from the Board to benefit members of the Board that we would like to acknowledge with sicknesses or deaths in the family, but the collection will not be on behalf of our Community Board. Board Member Rev. Hogan, Parliamentarian, has recently lost his mom. Ms. Hogan is going to be funeralized on Friday, November 23, 2018; we will be taking a card from the Board on Friday, to show our sympathy for him.
- The Chair of the Good & Welfare Committee also has another responsibility; she gets to host a holiday gathering for the community board and the community at large. Everyone is welcome to partake in holiday/Thanksgiving at the next Board meeting (December 12, 2018).
- If there is anyone who would like to donate funds toward the event, please see Ms. James after the meeting is over.

Blocks United Subcommittee: Represented by Rev. Edward McKay, Chairperson

- This Committee solicits blocks that have not been active, and tries to encourage the civics and blocks to engulf the community with service. We have enlisted about 20 different blocks in this area, and will continuously give them information on how they can contain themselves and get new members.
- The Committee encourages the different block associations to join the community board and committees so they can be aware of what is going on in the community. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Roy Wilkins Park. The meeting is held every 4th Wednesday of the month; we will entertain two new blocks joining the committee.
- As you know the Committee took on the task of pulling down illegal signs, the signs offer to give you a mortgage, these mortgages are predatory lending. The committee goes out, with the 103rd Precinct, into the neighborhood every Thursday to pull down signs. You as a resident can also pull the signs down.

Economic Committee: Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson

- The Committee discussed Artimus Development, if you have applied for an application there is an office, Alta Vista apartments which is open at Reuben Wills old office on Sutphin Blvd. Artimus is working with HPD to secure an additional site where they will build another 500 affordable apartments on 94th St.
- LIRR underpass project we are expecting the stores to be occupied by 1st Quarter of 2019, Dunkin Donuts & a Bubble Tea Sandwich shop is expected to be coming in next to the Resorts World bus stop.
- The committee discussed the complexity of the Development process and how the Community Board could support the process.
- HPD is funding the development of affordable housing in our area supporting the Mayor's initiative to provide more affordable housing. The Land Use & Economic Development will be looking to form a joint sub-committee to explore the vacant properties in CB12 and what can be done with them.

Education Committee: Represented by Geri Taylor-Brown, Chairperson

- The Committee met last night, we always meet the night before; we were not as large

as we had been previously but our conversations are always so lively and it's always a good education for me. One of the things we do at the beginning of our meeting is allow for time for conversation and concerns that people want to express. So, we did revisit our Mission and Vision Statement, but not to change them, but to speak about the fact that this is who we said we are as an Education Committee for CB 12; that we serve as an overarching voice, representation and defender of our community in the development and implementation of larger educational policies, procedures and practices. We stated that the law calls for every district to have a Community Education Council (CEC), and they are the first line of contact for parents and community members (outside of the school).

- We spoke about Specialized High School, and stated that we needed more hard data regarding who does apply, who has not applied, who gets accepted, who does not get accepted.

Youth Committee: Represented by Bilal Karriem, Chairperson

- The Committee met on October 10, 2018 at SUNY Queens EEOC at 158-29 Archer Ave. Most of you are familiar with the UPS project that has been going on with the Community Board and partnership with SUNY Queens EEOC and UPS for the past 8 years. Last year they opened a new site and offered an additional 400 positions to fill, on top of the normal 100+ that they normally fill. If you know of anyone who is looking for work, they start out as seasonal; UPS then lays you off, then they can hire you back.
- The second project was "Flip the Ballot"; the majority of individuals were not aware of what the question was on the back of the ballot, the Charter Revision Commission came to the community, and no one knew they were coming. So, the Committee invited Charter Revision Commission to be a guest at their meeting for more clarification. The public was actually voting on something that the commission did not completely complete.

Land Use Committee: Represented by Kenny Carter, Chairperson

- The Committee met on December 5, 2018 and discussed two different sites. The first site was a daycare center in St. Albans at 109-43 Farmers Blvd.; we are still in discussion with this site because there are some additional information needed in order to move forward. The South Conduit Industrial Project was the other item that came before the committee; they would like to build a storage facility approximately 350 sq. ft. by 131st Street area of the North Conduit. This storage project is located in CB13 district.
- The Committee is leaning towards a recommendation in favor the South Conduit Industrial Project due to the fact that it will be on the industrial side of the Conduit, and we are looking at more jobs for the community. This site is not in our district, but they felt compelled to try to reach out to all of the districts that are in the surrounding circumference, to give input and provide information to the community.

***The full Committee reports were provided to all members and is on file at CB 12's District Office**

Motion to close business section made by Amir Abbady, seconded by Kenny Carter.

Inspector Jerry O’Sullivan

- Currently, the 113th Precinct is down in crime for the week, month, and year. In addition to that they are up in gun arrests, down in shootings, and down in homicides. They are working well with the community; it is a team effort.
- Some of the challenges they do have in the 113th Precinct, in terms of crime, is we are experiencing an increase in thefts from autos. The persons responsible for these thefts, generally roam the streets checking door handles. When these crimes do occur, the Precinct sends the NCO’s out afterwards to put flyers on additional cars on the street notifying that a crime did occur, and to bring awareness to this issue. In addition to this issue, they also see grand larcenies with respect to financial crimes, credit card fraud, and more particular check fraud.
- Going back about three months ago the 113th Precinct did an amazing arrest, they arrested local gang members in a car for a minor crime; in the back seat of the car the officers found over 90 checks that were written for various people throughout the City. These individuals were washing checks; they could get the ink removed from the check and change who the checks were addressed to so they could obtain money from the checks.

III. VOTE ON 30-DAY WAIVER FOR APPLEBEES. Motion to approve the 30-day waver for Applebee’s liquor license renewal. Amir Abbady made a motion to vote by hand, seconded by Marcia Francis

Voting Results: 30 0 Oppositions, 2 Abstentions

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