



Community Board 12

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

- I. PRESIDING: Rene Hill, Chairperson
- II. PRESENT: Maxine Allen
Melvin Artis
Nigel Barker
Manuel Caughman
Brittany Chambers
Barbara Duncan
Alexandra Dyer
Daniel Englander
Mabel Everett
Joan Flowers
Nadi Ghaness
Thomas Greenaway
Glenn Greenidge
Dora Grizzel
Ian Harris
Rene Hill, Chairperson
Richard Hogan
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Celeste James
Clementine James
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson
Bilal Karriem
Michele Keller
Michelle Kirkland
Gregory Mays

Rev. Edward McKay, 1st Vice Chair
Rodney Pride
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Toni Totten
Bryan White
Benjamin Wright, Jr., Treasurer

ABSENT: Jacqueline Boyce
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
David Bucknor
Kenneth Carter
Mary A. Childs
Patrick Evans
James Heyliger
Audrey Lee Jacobs
Margaret Kirkland
Tunisia Morrison
Kemar Newman
Kamal Saleem
Luc Art Severe
Yvette Sledge

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Announcements were read by Rev. Princess Thorbs-McGee, 2nd Vice Chair

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- 12/18/17 - Attended the 113th Precinct Council Christmas Party
- 12/19/17 - Attended Greater Triangular Civic Meeting – Columbarium demolition discussed
- 12/21/17 CB12 Bylaws Committee teleconference
- 12/27/17 Queens Borough Hall Kwanza Celebration
- 12/27/17 Blocks United Christmas Party – Neighborhood Housing Services (save on Real estate taxes)
- 12/28/17 CB13 meeting- Economics Development committee Chair – CB13 Chair, DM and Land use Rep met with CB12, Rene Hill, Glenn Greenidge and other members of the Community Benefits Agreement Steering Committee.
- 01/04/18 NYC Emergency Meeting- re: snowstorm, another conference call on 01/05/18.
- 01/08/18 Borough Board Meeting – Select Bus Service and other Bus improvements

V. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

*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.

VI. PRESENTATION

Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman, 29th A.D.: Believe she has seen the new Chairperson, Rene Hill, at every meeting that she has attended; she is off to a great start.

Recently, a meeting was held regarding the \$10,000,000 JFK Airport reconstruction project. The Elected Officials of southeast Queens is working on the community benefits agreement to ensure that the airport, in 20 or 30 years when we are gone from this community that this airport, is still a viable place of employment opportunities for this community. The planes fly over our heads, the cars drive through the neighborhoods, it is only fair that this community has a say in the jobs that come through the airport (not just retail jobs, jobs that are involved in labor, management through the port authority and other opportunities as they come along). Compiling a local list of MWBE's in southeast Queens. If you know of an organization that is not city or state certified, please direct them to either her office or Assembly members Vivian Cook, Michelle Titus, or Clyde Vanel's office, State Senators James Sanders or Leroy Comrie's office. We would like to make sure that this community has a say from the ground up what projects are coming in and would like to ensure that the young and elders are able to get good paying jobs at the airport.

Assemblywoman Hyndman has an education task force, there is an announcement coming out soon. Gifted and talented program is coming to school District 29 for 4-6 graders.

Attend the Economic Development Summit this morning; we are talking about new market tax credit, which is also important to smaller businesses throughout southeast Queens.

Ms. Sarah Asmussen, Founding Executive Direct of New Dawn in Brooklyn: Introduced Zach Cory, Science Teacher, Lisa DiGardio, Founding Principal, and Donna Loboti, Special Education Coordinator, and Marco Castro, Community Liaison. In 1993 there was a suspension out of school program that began in Queens, it was a DOE Program, they would bring the kids in; and after the kids spent their year in the facility they did not want to return to their home school. The Director at that time started a DOE school, which was connected to Wildcat. Wildcat turned into John B. Lindsay Wildcat Academy Charter School, which is based in lower Manhattan.

New Dawn was opened in 2012, and they are looking to expand. New Dawn has a 40% Special Education rate which is the group they are looking to serve. All students are treated exactly the same, they just receive extra services. All of the students at their schools receive individualized plans and education plans. None of their schools are based in a DOE building; do not use any of the DOE resources. Accept students whose needs are not being met in their community school. Service students who are 15 to 21, there are not requirements for entrance into New Dawn or Wildcat. They have identified a need with kids in this area who are overaged, under credited, and at risk of failure in High School. They have a 95% graduation rate if you come to school; if you look at SED they have a 21% graduation rate that they only count kids who graduate in four years.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

Rev. Princess Thorbs-McGee, 2nd Vice Chair, 35 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced

- I. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion to adopt the November, 2017 minutes was made by Glenn Greenidge, seconded by Maxine Allen, the motion passed.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Committee: Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson

The owners of Hillside Hotel attended the meeting, wondering why the community was not excited at the possibility of another shelter being opened in CB12. We shared the concerns and expressed as we so often have in the past that we are not against the homeless population, we think that the facilities should be spread around other Community Boards. We also feel the shelter residents should be provided better services so that they can enter permanent housing. We also let the owners know that we would provide any assistance we could to support their hotel remaining a hotel.

The Artimus construction project housing 380 affordable apartments on 147th street & 94th Ave, is still open for apartment enrollment.

The upcoming Economic Development Summit was this morning December 15, 9:30 11:30 am at York College.

Ms. Moore is investigating the creation of a Downtown Jamaica Walking tour being planned for the spring.

There is a continued conversation evolving around a Community Benefits Agreement for The \$10 Billion JFK Upgrade. The initial team is starting the role out process with the Community organizations this week.

Proposed Southeast Queens Federal Credit Union is meeting every 2nd Saturday.

Joan Flowers, 1st Vice Chair: Correction to minutes should be made so that it reflects that the Board voted to accept the recommendation (Section 8) of the Land Use Committee.

Unanimous vote to accept correction to the November 21, 2017 minutes.

VII. ELECTION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Yvette Sledge, Nominating Chairperson

We will begin with the main election for the offices of 1st Vice Chair, 3rd Vice Chair, and Treasurer. Asked each candidate to come to the microphone and present themselves to the membership.

Treasurer: Maxine Allen – Currently work for Community Board 13Q, duties include budget work for the internal budget, purchasing, capital and expense prioritization. Prior to working for CB 12, she worked for the Office of Management and Budget for 19 years. Began working for OMB in 1982 as an Assistant Analyst, promoted to Senior Analyst, then on to HRA as a Managerial Administrative Manager. Would be a good candidate for the position, love transparency.

3rd Vice Chair - Florence Simmons – Would like to continue to serve her community and to be a part of the solution. With your support we have some plans made up to empower the Board to make some changes to help empower the community to get involved with the board more. Currently a graduate of Fordham University, hold a Bachelor's and Master's Degree, a CERT Member, and a NYS Chaplin.

1st Vice Chair – Joan Flowers – Running for the position of 1st Vice Chair. I have been working in the community for many years doing various tasks. I am an Attorney in the area and have used

that legal knowledge to be able to stop a slaughter house from coming in on Farmers Blvd., which would have been one fence separating the slaughter house from the residences. Worked with Patrick Evans stopping a motel/hotel from coming in across the street from Springfield H.S. The same location was slated for a liquor store, and we fought against that as well. Was on the Board of SQA and helped them to get in compliance with the new not-for-profit law. Chairperson of the CB 12 Education Committee, on the Economic, Land Use, and By-Laws Committees. Plan to work along with the Chair to make sure that the goals of Community Board 12 are met and that the community is kept apprised of everything that is going on in the community that could affect the residence. Look forward to serving in the position of 1st Vice Chair and thank you for your vote.

1st Vice Chair – Kenny Carter – He is a Community Activist, and advocate for the people. His organization is Father's In the Hood. He has been active in the community since 2006 (the murder of Sean Bell), this situation sparked a transition in his life to become more active in the community. There were several other murders that transpired from Ramarley Graham in the Bronx to Kamini Gray in Brooklyn. There is' no budget or conversation that would be able to compensate me for the love that God has placed in me to share with the people of the world. Here to serve on the community board to be able to be strength for those who are voiceless, to be an advocate for those who need advocacy. I believe that I am a leader and am hoping that the Board gives me a chance to prove myself, and also to press upon him to be more than what he even expects himself to be.

Slate:

- 1st Vice Chairperson: Kenney Carter, Joan Flowers, Esq.
- 3rd Vice Chairperson: Florence Simmons
- Treasurer: Maxine Allen

Special Election

- Secretary: Michele Keller

The 2018 – 2020 Term Officers were sworn in by Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman, 29th A.D.

Rene Hill – Chairperson

Joan Flowers, Esq. – 1st Vice Chairperson

Florence Simmons – 3rd Vice Chairperson

Michele Keller – Secretary

Maxine Allen – Treasurer

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