



Community Board 12
The City of New York
Borough of Queens

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

November 20, 2019

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

- **PRESIDING:** Rene Hill, Chairperson
- **PRESENT:** Mohammed Ali
Maxine Allen
Melvin Artis, Parliamentarian
Jacqueline Boyce
Kenneth Carter
Manuel Caughman
Brittany Chambers
Clifton Stanley Diaz
Mabel Everett
Marcia Francis
Dora Griszell
Vishal Hardowar
Nurul Haque
James Heyliger
Rene Hill, Chairperson
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Celeste James
Clementine James
Al-Hassan Kanu
Bilal Karriem
Michele Keller
Michelle Kirkland

Wanda Manley
Rev. Edward McKay
Jean Phelps
Rodney Pride
Kamal Saleem
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
Rev. C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Yvette Sledge
Benjamin Wright, Jr.
ABSENT: Yasinul Ashraf
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
Barbara Duncan
Nadi Ghaness, Treasurer
Glenn Greenidge
Ian Harris
Richard Hogan
Derek Irby
Audrey Lee Jacobs
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson, Executive Secretary
Rev. Bernadette Logan
Gregory Mays
Shah Nawaz
Toni Totten
Bryan White

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Announcements were read by Rene Hill, Chairperson

II. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

- The United States Census 2020 is approaching. As soon as you receive your application please respond as soon as possible. We must do better than 2010. Remember it's our community that will be affected if we don't respond to the application once we receive it.
 - NYC Department of Sanitation is on Winter Schedule known as "Night Flow", the winter schedule enables the Department to have pre-scheduled staff on hand to respond to snow and ice condition around the clock. You may notice your trash and recycling collected at a slightly different time during the season. This scheduled shift will last through mid-April.
 - Who is responsible for cleaning snow and ice from the sidewalk? Owners, lessees, tenants, or other occupants are responsible for cleaning snow and ice from sidewalks. Snow and ice should not be pushed into a street or crosswalk.
 - When to clear your sidewalk if the snow stops falling between:
 - 7:00am – 4:59pm you have 4 hours to shovel
 - 5:00pm - 8:59pm you have 14 hours to shovel
 - 9:00pm – 6:59am you have until 11:00am the next day to shovel
- Fines begin at \$100 for the first offense. By the third offense you'll have a \$250 penalty

*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.

Deputy Inspector Bohannon, 113th Precinct

- Spent the last 7 years in Jamaica, at the 103rd, 113th, and 106th Precincts. He realizes that there are many issues in the community, and he is willing to work with the community to progress forward with what the Former Inspector (Inspector O'Sullivan) had put in place. The Deputy Inspector can be reached at 646-823-0300 or at Brian.Bohannon@nypd.org.
- There were a couple acts of violence over the last month, a homicide that occurred at the Baisley Houses and a stabbing death over by 166th and Foch Blvd. Both incidences are ongoing investigations. There was an arrest made on the second stabbing that occurred at 166th and Foch Blvd.
- The precinct has been experiencing a lot of shootings in the precinct, since July 12, 2019 there have been 15 shooting incidences. We have noticed a lot of gang violence. The Inspector will make it his mission, pairing up with what Inspector O'Sullivan put in place, in regards to getting those gang members. That .001% of the population that is responsible for 99% violence; we will make sure these individuals are placed into custody for the crimes they are committing. Six of our recent shootings have been gang related. The Precinct will keep the NCO's in place, the school post will remain, and you will see officers at school dismissal. Officers will remain at other areas throughout the command where there is some loitering and other issues. The Precinct will be getting 11 new officers on December 27, 2019.
- There will be a Gun Buy back at New Jerusalem Church on December 21, 2019.

Deputy Inspector Tavalaro, 103rd Precinct

- I have worked hand in hand with Deputy Inspector Bohannon since we were both Lieutenants. Spent about 4 years in the gang division prior to going back to the 101st Precinct, where he took over as the Commanding Officer. Spent 2 ½ years at the 101st precinct; there are similar issues in relation to the 103rd Precinct; a lot of gang violence. There was a total of 9 gangs in the Far Rockaway area. There are 12 gangs in the 103rd Precinct. The Deputy Inspector can be reached at 917-692-8874 or at Vincent.tavalaro@nypd.org.
- In the three weeks that he has been at the 103rd Precinct, there was the non-fatal shooting of a 16 year old female in front of the New Dawn High School. Fortunately, they were able to make two arrests on that incident. One was the shooter, who was charged with attempted murder; the second was an assault charge that led up to the shooting.
- There is a lot of crossover between the two precincts and, it works well from the standpoint of policing that he and Inspector Bohannon do have a very good working relationship because of the overlap.
- Attended the Town Hall meeting last week some of the issues that came up were Jamaica Ave and the surrounding blocks, over the course of the 3 weeks at the Precinct that has been predominantly the biggest issue for them. Dedicate a lot of resources, whether it is a school dismissal time or the overtime post that is allotted to them through the overhead commands, where they always dedicate additional posts to the vicinity of Jamaica Ave., Sutphin Blvd., Archer Ave, and the train stations.

PRESENTATION

1. BSA Application #122-95-BZ. Submitted by Capell, Barnett, Matalon & Schoenfeld LLC. (152-65 Rockaway Blvd., 132nd Ave.; 134th Avenue Block: 12278, Lot: 60). The application to reopen and amend BSA Resolution 122-95-BZ to permit 24 hours/7 days a week operating schedule of a warehouse to accommodate the storage needs of JFK deliveries. Waiver of Rules to extend the term that expired on 6/11/16.
2. BSA Application #523-58-BZ. Submitted by Glen V. Cutrona AIA. (117-30 Farmers Blvd., SWC Baisley Blvd. Block: 12448, Lot: 31). This application is filed to obtain an extension of term and to continue the existing gasoline service station with accessory uses as previously approved under the BSA calendar number referenced above. There are no new improvements proposed to the existing premises. The application is being sought to obtain an extension of term for a period of (10) years. The waiver of rules of practice and procedure is necessary because the tenant was unaware of his obligation to obtain a new Certificate of Occupancy.

IV. **BUSINESS SESSION**

I. **ROLL CALL:** Rene Hill, Chairperson, 31 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced.

II **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bilal Karriem to accept October 16, 2019 minutes with corrections, if needed, motion seconded by Marcia Francis; the motion passed.

III **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Land Use Committee: Represented by Kenny Carter, Chairperson

- In regards to BSA Application 122-95-BZ, the Committee's recommendation is based on the conditions made by the Committee that the Sunday hours would be closed from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Committee has approved the application with the Conditions.
- Application #523-58-BZ, the Committee made a recommendation, with the Conditions that are met in regard to "no selling of cars", supply list to Committee as to the number of employees from the Community, upgrades to the property.

V. Vote on BSA Application #122-95-BZ, (152-65 Rockaway Blvd.) – With Conditions stated

Voting Results: 25 Approval 6 Opposition 0 Abstentions

Motion to accept BSA Application #122-95-BZ with the Sunday operating schedule of the warehouse closed from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 5 year term and local labor hire made by Bilal Karriem, seconded by Celeste James.

Vote on BSA Application #523-58-BZ. (117-30 Farmers Blvd.) – With Conditions stated

Voting Results: 26 Approval 4 Opposition 1 Abstentions

Motion to accept BSA Application #523-58-BZ with conditions - no selling of cars, supply list to Committee as to the number of employees from the Community, upgrades to the property made by Bilal Karriem, seconded by Clifton Stanley Diaz.

Nomination Committee: Represented by Yvette Sledge, Chairperson

- Elections will be held at the December 11, 2019 meeting, all interviews will take place by November 30, 2019 per the By-Laws. Three Letters of Intent were submitted, Michele Keller, 1st Vice Chair, Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chair, and Nadi Ghaness, Treasurer. All parties will be running unopposed.

Motion to close business section made by Bilal Karriem, seconded by Dora Griszell

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

Public Forum

Adjoa Gzifa – CERT

CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team, they are trained by NY City Fire Department, NYC Police Department, and Office of Emergency Management to help out neighbors in case of an emergency. You can call and request someone to give a presentation at your Civic Organizations and any other organizations.

The Census will take place April 1, 2020, it is really important that the community be counted. The hardest countability has been in Laurelton, St. Albans, Hollis, and Rosedale; they were undercounted in 2010. Undercounted in the census means that we can lose a congressional seat, the infrastructure, funding to the community is over \$631 billion that will be allocated throughout the country; we will lose money if we are not counted correctly.

Duke Yun, NYC Compost Project, Funded by NYC Sanitation

Set out your leaves in paper lawn and leaf bags, in open, unlined containers, or in your brown bin For curbside collection. Learn more at nyc.gov/leafcollection. Leaves should be set out after 4:00 pm on November 23 and December 7, 2019. Set out leaves on curbside composting days.

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

