



**Community Board 12**  
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**Borough of Queens**

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 DISTRICT MANAGER

**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
 Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
 7:00pm

Members Present - 35		
Ahnaf Alam	Mohammad Ali	Angela Allen
Pamela Bluford	Jacqueline Boyce	Manuel Caughman
Jennifer Delatour	Jonnell Doris	Vishal Hardowar, Esq.
Nurul Haque	Jolander Headley	Crystal Isaac
Khondokar Tarikul Islam	Audrey Lee Jacobs	Leonard Jacobs
Celeste James	Clementine James	Sharmayne Jenkins
Chantel Johnson	Al Hassan-Kanu	Bilal Karriem, 1st Vice Chairperson
Dawn Kelly	Latoya LeGrand	Bernadette Logan
Benjulkys Martinez	Donald Murphy	Abdus Salaam Musa, Parliamentarian
Akther H. Rahman	Krystal Roberts	Amit Shivprasad
Christopher Smith	Rev. C. Princess Thorbs-McGee, Chairperson	Toni Totten
Jeanette Wilson	Patricia Wooden	Andrew Wilkins

Members Absent or Excused-14		
Sophia Abel	Wanda Best	Maxine Brannon
Kenny Carter	Jean Randolph-Castro	Frankco Harris
Glenn Greenidge	Rene Cheatham Hill, Treasurer	Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey
Marcia Francis	Shah Nawaz	Linette Townsley
Khari White, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson	Frankco Harris	

Rev. Thorbs welcomed attendees and called the general meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs

Chairperson Thorbs read the announcements submitted to CB12.

I speak grace and peace over each and every person. And that you would have peace in your homes, peace in your life.

We are a mosaic. And the common denominator in this entire community. That I see from walking the streets, being on Jamaica Avenue, Guy, Boulevard, any place in the district.

If you see something, you say something. We must utilize 311, 311 is your friend. If you do not have the app, I suggest strongly that you do get the app. With the app you can take pictures of things that are going on in the community and upload it just like that.

We can sit in our meetings and say this we have a problem with sanitation. We have a problem with parking., or we have a problem with this that or the other. And the 1st thing they will do is get on their computers and check your 311 calls.

### PRESENTATION

Con Edison proposed Idlewild Project - The Reliable Clean City – Idlewild Project will enable Con Edison to accommodate new sources of renewable energy and increased demand, while maintaining its nation-leading reliability in Queens. In addition, it will provide interconnection points for energy storage and enable large clean energy resources to interconnect with the Con Edison system, which advances the State's renewable energy goals included in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

BSA Application #2024-12-A & 2024-13-A (137-52 Bennett Street, East side of Bennett Street between 137<sup>th</sup> & 139<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Block: 13025, Lot 63, 65). the application is made pursuant to

the common law vested rights and seeks to renew building permits No. 410108431-01-NB and Permit No. 410108422-01-NB

### **Business Session**

Bilal Karriem made a motion open the Business Session, seconded by Toni Totten; motion passed.

Bilal Karriem made a motion to accept April 17, 2024, minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Toni Totten; the motion passed.

### **Committees to Report**

#### **Land Use Committee – Vishal Hardowar, Esq.**

Con Edison's proposed Idlewild Project. Currently, Con Edison has one substation that powers the buildings and homes in Southeast Queens ("SEQs"). With improvements and expansion in infrastructure, the electricity demand will increase to unsustainable levels. Con Edison is proposing to build a second substation here in Southeast Queens to meet the future electric demands of our community.

**Conclusion:** Con Edison will keep the community updated and involved in the project. There are no items to vote on.

BSA Application #2024-12-A & 2024-13-A (137-52 Bennett Street, East side of Bennett Street between 137<sup>th</sup> & 139<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Block: 13025, Lot 63, 65). The owner paid \$250,000 for this property last year. They're claiming \$584,000 in losses. But that doesn't make sense if you only bought the property for \$250,000 and you haven't got any construction. So those are some of the things that I found. They didn't add up and that's why the land use committee recommended that the full board deny the applicant's request. LUC does not support the BSA application simply because we felt that they did not meet the 3 required criteria for vested rights in this situation.

**The Land Use Committee made a motion to deny the application, seconded by Chantel Johnson; the motion passed.**

**33 Approved to deny application      0 opposed      0 Abstention**