



**Community Board 12**  
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**YVONNE REDDICK**  
 DISTRICT MANAGER

**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS**  
**January 19, 2022**

**MINUTES**

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 via ZOOM at 7:00 p.m.

- **PRESIDING:** Rev. Carlene O. Thorbs, Chairperson

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ahnaf Alam  
 Mohammad Ali  
 Angela Allen  
 Natalie Blain  
 Maxine Brannon  
 Kenneth Carter  
 Jean Randolph-Castro  
 Manuel Caughman  
 Clifton Stanley Diaz  
 Glenn Greenidge  
 Nurul Haque  
 Vishal Hardowar  
 Rene Hill  
 Crystal Isaac  
 Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson  
 Audrey Lee Jacobs  
 Al-Hassan Kanu  
 Bilal Karriem, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
 Michelle Keller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson  
 Latoya LeGrand

Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey  
 Bernadette Logan  
 Edward McKay  
 Abdus Salaam Musa  
 Shah Nawaz  
 Charline Ogbeni  
 Akther Rahman  
 Fitzroy Searles  
 Florence Simmons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
 Yvette Sledge  
 Rev. C. Princess Thorbs McGee, Chairperson  
 Linette Townsley  
 Khari White  
 Jeanette Wilson

**ABSENT:** Melvin Artis  
Jacqueline Boyce  
Mabel Everett  
Marcia Francis  
Richard Hogan  
Derek Irby  
Khondokar Tarikul Islam  
Celeste James  
Clementine James  
Dawn Kelly  
Wanda Manley  
Rodney Pride  
Kamal Saleem  
Owen Shakespeare  
Toni Totten

Rev. Carlene Thorbs, Chairperson

- Good evening to everyone and welcome to our first Community Board meeting of 2022.
- Read the announcements
- Free COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Robert Ross Johnson Family Life Center (St. Albans Congregational Church) at 172-17 Linden Blvd. running Tuesday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Vaccination and booster shots are being offered as well as COVID testing, all persons are eligible, no appoint necessary.

\*The Chairperson's full report is on file at CB 12's District Office

Yvonne Reddick, District Manager

- The Eviction Moratorium ended on January 15<sup>th</sup>, even though it is over you still cannot be put out of your apartment or house unless the Marshall or the Sheriff comes, with the proper paperwork. If the Marshalls do come call 311 and they will help you find free legal services.
- Anyone on the list to be evicted has access to the One-Shot Deal Program operated by Catholic Charities located at 163-18 Jamaica Avenue. If you qualify, the One-Shot Deal is something you will not have to pay back.
- There are three garages to be demolished, as well as vacated which I call below basement levels. Which is extremely dangerous because that's where the heating system, the boiler is located.
- National Grid is upgrading their system and they have many projects scheduled in Community Board 12 to be done. At this time, they do not have a date for all the proposed projects, once I get the dates from them, I will send out the information out to the community.
- All sanitation pickups are not on schedule, they are predicting bad weather (snow) so sanitation is getting prepared for the incoming snow. Regardless your garbage and recycle will be collected.
- If you have any problems, you can call the Community Board office at 718-658-3308. Also, call 311 and call us with your reference number and we will reach out to the proper agencies.

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## Committee Reports

### Education Committee, Chairperson Latoya Legrand

- I have partnered with Vanessa Sparks on college readiness and event that took place on November 11th to discuss Financial Aid and its processes along with scholarship and grant opportunities. Approximately 20 participants in person and via zoom, limited due to Covid guidelines regarding space.
- Partnered with Projects II Projects, Assembly Member Vivian E. Cook and South Jamaica Corner Stone Book and Toy giveaway held on December 23, 2021.
- I attended a Special District 29 meeting that took place on January 5<sup>th</sup>, where D29 Superintendent Beverly Mitchell said she was going to be focusing on strengthening core and development of early childhood.
- They are offering a collaboration Pilot program on early childhood classes. Training students to read with 1 on 1 tutoring (college students will be the tutors). Child must be 1-2 grades behind in order to be a part of this program. 10 schools participating in this program are Q36, Q37, Q116, Q118, Q134, Q138, Q147, Q156, Q195, and Q268. There will be a series of learning styles administered to teach the teachers and they will disseminate that way of teaching with the students. Teachers will be developed in remediation and acceleration, exposing students to grade level content while remediating their challenges.
- The CEC 28 meeting was held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, the D28 Superintendent Dr. Pate is going to be focused on increasing school surveillance testing and providing additional consent. Update sign consents @schools.nyc.gov/covidtesting.
- Sending invite request to incoming Chancellor and Superintendents in our district for Education Meeting to address questions and concerns along with school updates.

Motion to open Business section made by Glen Greenidge, seconded by Clifton Stanley Diaz.

ROLL CALL: 34 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced.

Motion made by Fitzroy Searles to accept the December 15, 2021 minutes with the necessary changes the motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_; motion passed.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ to close Business section, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_; motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.