



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

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 DISTRICT MANAGER

**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS**  
**November 17, 2021**

**MINUTES**

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 via ZOOM at 7:00 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Angela Allen  
 Natalie Blain  
 Maxine Brannon  
 Kenneth Carter  
 Jean Randolph-Castro  
 Manuel Caughman  
 Clifton Stanley Diaz  
 Marcia Francis  
 Glenn Greenidge  
 Rene Hill  
 Crystal Isaac  
 Khondokar Tarikul Islam  
 Clementine James  
 Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson  
 Nurul Haque  
 Al-Hassan Kanu  
 Bilal Karriem, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson

Michele Keller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson  
 Latoya LeGrand  
 Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey  
 Bernadette Logan  
 Abdus Salaam Musa  
 Charline Ogbeni  
 Rodney Pride  
 Kamal Saleem  
 Fitzroy Searles  
 Florence Simmons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
 Yvette Sledge  
 Rev. C. Princess Thorbs McGee, Chairperson  
 Toni Totten  
 Jeanette Wilson

**ABSENT: Mohammad Ali  
Alam Ahnaf  
Melvin Artis  
Jacqueline Boyce  
Mabel Everett  
Vishal Hardwar  
Richard Hogan  
Derek Irby  
Audrey Lee Jacobs  
Celeste James  
Dawn Kelly  
Wanda Manley  
Edward McKay  
Shah Nawaz  
Akther Rahman  
Owen Shakespeare  
Linette Townsley  
Khari White**

Rev. Thorbs, Chairperson

- Read the announcements for the evening
- This is the time of season of Thanksgiving, and I would hope and pray that everyone would keep each other another prayers.
- It is the beginning of a season where individuals go through severe depression, suicidal thoughts, and loneliness, please keep them in your prayers. We need to extend a helping hand to those who are less fortunate than we are.
- We are a Community of over 400,000 people, approximately 36 languages, 3 school districts (27, 28, and 29), and a myriad of languages. We need to operate as 1 people.
- The redistricting is currently takin place, communities are screaming to be brought together, but they want it on the backs of other communities. We must be present in the room when these meetings take, so that the community has a voice.

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

District Manager's Report

- In Community Board 12, we continue to have the highest rate of foreclosure in Queens County. Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica (NHS) and JASA can help you if you reach out to them.
- Queens Fall Leaf Collection Dates and Times. Set out your leaves after 4 p.m. on the following dates: Saturday, November 27, 2021 and Saturday, December 11, 2021
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- A clean Team of 8 started working today in CB12, they are part of the Mayor's Clean Up Program. Today they worked on 142<sup>nd</sup> Street and 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue, they will be cleaning an abandoned house on 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 164<sup>th</sup> Street. They will be cleaning on South Road, 105<sup>th</sup>, 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaver Rd. area. After this week they hopefully will be cleaning the Center Malls.

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Motion to open Business section made by Clifton Stanley Dias, seconded by Kenny Carter.

## PRESENTATION

1. Nick Flashboard, NYC Department of Parks presented on the Jamaica Park Playground Design, located on 160<sup>th</sup>. Department of Parks came before the Parks Committee October 6, 2021 and received an approval from the Committee; they are now looking for approval from the full board.

The Playground is soon to be in construction, the Budget is \$4.8 million, City Council District 28, Adrienne Adams, the project size is 1.05 acres. The goal is to create a multi-purpose play area that accommodates all abilities and ages with a wide variety of uses. Physically and visually link the adjacent school yard, seating area, and playground, and to provide accessible entrances from the street.

Angela Allen, Nominating Committee Chairperson.

CB12 is going through nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair (Kenny Carter and Michele Keller), Treasurer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Florence Simmons (Unopposed). We will be taking nominations from the floor for Treasurer.

The office will be mailing the ballots by November 18, 2021, please cast your votes and return ballots to the District office by Friday, December 3, 2021. Winners will be announced at the December 8, 2021 General meeting.

Vote on Jamaica Park Playground Design

**Voting Results:    31 Approval    Opposition    Abstentions**

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