



Community Board 12

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Borough of Queens

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

June 20, 2018

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

- PRESIDING: Rene Hill, Chairperson
- PRESENT: Amir Abbady
Maxine Allen, Treasurer
Melvin Artis
Yasinul Ashraf
Nigel Barker
Jacqueline Boyce
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
Kenneth Carter
Manuel Caughman
Clifton Stanley Diaz
Barbara Duncan
Alexandra Dyer
Daniel Englander
Mabel Everett
Joan Flowers, 1st Vice Chair
Marcia Francis
Nadi Ghaness
Thomas Greenaway
Glenn Greenidge
Dora Griszal
Ian Harris
Nurul Haque
James Heyliger
Rene Hill, Chairperson
Derek Irby

Khondokar Tarikul Islam
 Audrey Lee Jacobs
 Celeste James
 Clementine James
 Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson
 Bilal Karriem
 Michele Keller
 Michelle Kirkland
 Rev. Edward McKay
 Gregory Mays
 Tunisia Morrison
 Jean Phelps
 Rodney Pride
 Kamal Saleem
 Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
 Yvette Sledge
 C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson
 Toni Totten
 Benjamin Wright, Jr.
 ABSENT: Richard Hogan
 Kemar Newman
 Bryan White

I. CORRESPONDENCE

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

II. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

➤ CB 12’s new Land Use Chairperson is Alexandra Dyer.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

- Emergency sewers are being installed on Jamaica Avenue between 160 and 161 Streets; hopefully this job will be completed by the end of the month. HWQ 121B₄ Lakeview Boulevard East project is complete.
- Projects in Progress: SE848 – Storm Sanitary Sewers, and water main work in Baisley Blvd. and Guy R. Brewer Blvd. Thursday, June 21, 2018 – Water service interruption water main Installation: 145 Street from 133 Avenue to 137 Avenue and 134 Avenue from 153 Street to Rockaway Boulevard.
- SEQNS001 – This project is on schedule they will be working on: 157 Street between 108 and 109 Ave, Union Hall Street between 108 and 109 Avenue, and 166 Street between Linden Blvd. and 115 Avenue.

*The District Manager’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.

Councilman I. Daneek Miller, 28th C.D.

- Co-sponsored with Councilman Richards on a legislative land trust, which will address not only land but foreclosing properties, and allow purchasing of foreclosing properties.
- Distress mortgage buyback program started here and is the only one in the entire

country when they purchase discreet mortgages from HUD with the intent of keeping families in their homes.

- Put increase into mortgage buy back program
- Use not-for-profit programs when hosting foreclosure programs. Councilman have Access to list of individuals that are in foreclosure and send notices to them when there are foreclosure forums being held.

IV. PRESENTATION

Andre Hoyles, Sr. Manager Organic Outreach, NYC Department of Sanitation

- Works out of the bureau of recycling and sustainability; where they work on electronics work programs, organics programs and other existing programs that Sanitation offers.
- The Organics Program will begin this summer. The City of NY had put a hold on expansion for 2018. The organics collection program allows the Department of Sanitation to collect food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste from residents in select areas and turn it into compost or renewable energy. Participation is voluntary. There are no fines for not participating in the organics collection program.
- **Participants will receive:** Single family homes will receive one small bin and one starter kit, Buildings with 2-9 apartments will receive one large bin to share and one starter kit per Apartment. Starter kits include a small kitchen container. Inside the kit is a brochure, a coupon, and a sticker.

Steven Everett, Liaison, NY City Planning

- The NYC Department of City Planning proposes a zoning text amendment to require a City Planning Commission Special Permit for new hotels within M1 districts. This proposal would limit the potential for conflicts between uses as well as achieve a balanced mix of uses and jobs in neighborhoods by ensuring that sufficient opportunities for industrial, commercial, and institutional growth remain.
- By establishing a new CPC special permit, DCP proposes a case-by-case, site-specific review process to ensure that hotel development occurs only on appropriate sites, based on reasonable considerations regarding whether a hotel presents the potential for conflicts with the surrounding uses and how well a hotel reflects the general character of the surrounding area. A CPC special permit would allow for the consideration of appropriateness of hotel development in both the actively light industrial areas, where hotels and existing uses are potentially incompatible, and the more mixed-use areas within M1 districts, where the City may want to direct growth towards various other employment sectors. A CPC special permit would also still allow for hotels to serve the needs of the tourism industry when appropriate.
- Since 2010, there has been a rapid increase in hotels in M1 districts, particularly in areas near transit. Citywide, 13% of existing hotel rooms are in M1 districts, whereas 30% of hotel rooms in the development pipeline are slated to be built in M1 districts.
- The Citywide text amendment has been sent to all of the Community Boards, the next step will be the Borough Boards, City Planning Commission, and City Council.
- The amendment makes it somewhat more difficult to build a hotel in Community Board 12. As a right hotel developers can still build in commercial districts. However, in M1 districts these like manufacturer will be required by the Department of City Planning to file an application and ultimately end up before the community boards.

Open business section made by Bilal Karriem seconded by Dora Grizzell

V. BUSINESS SESSION

Rev. Thorbs-McGee, 2nd Vice Chair, 45 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced

I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Motion to accept May 16, 2018 and June 20, 2018 minutes was made by Maxine Allen, seconded by Bilal Karriem; the motion passed.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nomination Committee: Represented by Yvette Sledge, Chairperson

Announced there is an open vacancy for the Executive Secretary position. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the September 19, 2018 meeting.

Economic Committee: Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson

- Artimus Development is working with HPD to acquire another property on 94th Ave to develop 500 additional affordable apartment units.
- Omni Development has the old Police Pound on 168th St which they are developing a Mixed Use affordable apartments units.
- There is a continued conversation evolving around a Community Benefits Package for the \$10 Billion JFK Upgrade. The six engagement meeting, Economic Development, MWBE, Workforce Development, Environmental Justice, Health, and Education are in their third round of meeting. There is a JFK Airport Redevelopment Informational presentation meeting scheduled for Friday June 22 at 7:00 pm, located at the Mount Moriah A.M.E. Church 116-20 Francis Lewis Blvd, Cambria Heights, NY 11411.
- The Committee had a lengthy discussion on how they can support the MWBE process and how they can organize themselves to employ local residents. Also talked about the JFK Upgrade Community Benefits agreement could help to provide some capacity building for MWBE companies as well as local workforce
- Proposed Southeast Queens Federal Credit Union is meeting every 2nd Saturday. The last 2 meetings have been held at African Center for Community Empower located at 111-20 Farmers Blvd St Albans. Meeting starts at 9:30 am – 12 noon.

Education Committee: Represented by Geri Taylor-Brown, Chairperson

- Attended the Marijuana Ton Hall meeting co-sponsored by Councilmembers Miller, Adams, and Richards. Representative from Legal Aid as well as the DA office spoke on the issue.
- Trying to get ahead of the move to legalize marijuana. This needs to be done from a legislative point of view. The feeling across the board is that once the legalization of marijuana happens, there has to be a bill signed to get rid of low grade marijuana convictions.
- Attended District 29 Science Fair Event, so pride of the winners form Kindergarten through 8th Grade.
- Attended the first Parks Committee meeting Chaired by the new Chairperson, Amir Abbady; he has great things in place for the committee.
- Attended the Education Committee meeting, Chaired by the new Chairperson, Geri Taylor-Brown.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 18th 2018 at 7PM

Transportation Committee: Represented by Michele Keller, Chairperson

- The Transportation Committee reviewed the Springfield Gardens/South Jamaica Transportation Study. The Committee opened the discussion with overview of study's goals and objectives. Some concerns articulated included illegal truck parking and truck

operators violating truck routes, implementing Day Lighting (prohibiting vehicles parking on corners), streets that are 25ft -30ft wide should be converted from two way to one way.

- In addition, Ms. Keller stressed that the committee should consider field tours as well as working with NYC Comptroller's Office on working to submit recommendations on How to Improve the NYC Bus System. The members should stay informed with current transportation issues and be prepared to work as a committee to offer input that will enhance communities in our district. The undersigned will outreach to CB13 Transportation Chair to discuss NYC DOT Transportation Plan.
- Mr. Adams, NYS DOT led the power point presentation that included:
 - JFK Airport Vision Plan (Governor's plan to transform JFK Airport into one equipped to meet the demands of the 21st century)
 - Overview of Projects Limits
 - Project Purpose & Need
 - Project Needs – Traffic
 - Existing Volumes – VWE Mainline
 - Project Needs – On/Off Ramps
 - Project Objectives
 - Preferred Concept – Managed Use Lane to JFK Airport, HOV 2+ and HOV 3+ (including occupied Taxi & FHV with at least 1 passenger), ramp reconfigurations and replacement of overpass bridges.

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III. VOTE ON PROPOSED M1 HOTEL ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

Voting Results: 42 Approvals; 1 Opposition; 2 Abstentions

VOTE ON CB12 IN SUPPORT FOR THE DOT LETTER IMPLEMENTING THE 95TH STREET AND SUTPHIN BLVD. PROJECT

Voting Results: 39 Approvals; 0 Opposition; 7 Abstentions

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.