



Community Board 12

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

May 15, 2019

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

- **PRESIDING:** Rene Hill, Chairperson
- **PRESENT:** Amir Abbady, Sergeant of Arms
Maxine Allen
Melvin Artis, Parliamentarian
Jacqueline Boyce
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
Manuel Caughman
Brittany Chambers
Mabel Everett
Nadi Ghaness, Treasurer
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Rene Hill, Chairperson
Audrey Lee Jacobs
Celeste James
Clementine James
Al-Hassan Kanu
Bilal Karriem
Michele Keller
Michelle Kirkland
Rev. Bernadette Logan
Wanda Manley
Gregory Mays
Kamal Saleem
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson

ABSENT: Yvette Sledge
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Bryan White
Benjamin Wright, Jr.
Mohammed Ali
Yasinul Ashraf
Kenneth Carter
Clifton Stanley Diaz
Barbara Duncan
Joan Flowers, 1st Vice Chairperson
Marcia Francis
Thomas Greenaway
Glenn Greenidge
Nurul Haque
Richard Hogan
Derek Irby
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson, Executive Secretary
Rev. Edward McKay
Shah Nawaz
Jean Phelps
Rodney Pride
Toni Totten

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Announcements were read by Rene Hill, Chairperson

II. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- Looking for a Sanitation Chairperson, anyone interested please contact the Chair or the board office. We really need a Sanitation Chairperson in our community.
- The Executive Committee and I will be assigning committees to board members. The Community Board works as a team, the Executive Board makes decisions together, we have to make sure that we are all on the same team. The Executive Committee has decided we have \$42,500 that the City gave the Community Board extra to spend. The Board has purchased bags, pens, mugs to be distributed at National Night Out or any other events. We have also decided to purchase BETA Software; which will enable us to better communicate with the public and board members, to see exactly the complaints received and monitor the information better.
- Amir Abbady is our new Sergeant of Arms

Elected Officials and their Representatives were acknowledged by the Chairperson.

Inspector O'Sullivan, 113th Precinct

- For those who attended the Police Commissioner's town Hall meeting recently in the confines of the 113th Precinct, thought this was excellent. It shows how far we have come as a police department. The Commissioner held a Town Hall meeting at the Jamaica Library, all the precincts in Queens south were present, to discuss the issues in the community. The 113th had a really nice response to the Commissioner, thanked those that participated in the meeting and spoke very highly of the 113th Precinct.
- It is his job to continue working with the Community; it is very import that, he along with

Community Affairs, and NCO Officers work well together with the community to listen to the complaints, and to act on them quickly. If anyone has any concerns, please make sure you get Inspector O'Sullivan's card with his contact information; the email is the best way to contact him.

- On of the complaints that arise many times has to do with commercial truck parking in residential locations. Some of the drivers take the license plate and registration off the vehicle and park overnight or days until they are ready to move on. The Precinct is now placing the drivers under arrest for these types if incidents.
- There will be approximately 25 additional officers, that will be on foot, in the 113th Precinct beginning 12 midnight.

Public hearing

Nancy Lee Paul, Director of Projects

- My client is trying to amend a previously approved application by the Board of Standards and Appeals. They are proposing to square off the rear corner; when the property was last approved, it had three different separate lots; two lots have been merged. They are requesting to remove the last lot, Lot 39, because they want to use it for "as a right" usage. There will be some changes in the signage and parking lay out, and new trash enclosure location. They will not be doing much that will cause substantial changes; most of the changes are cosmetic changes.
- The site is located at 148-02 Rockaway Blvd., southeast corner of Rockaway Blvd. and 148 Street, Block #12103, Lot # 25).

Motion to open business section made by Rev. Thorbs-McGee, seconded by Clifton Stanley Diaz

III. BUSINESS SESSION

I. **ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Hill, 29 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced.

II **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bilal Karriem to accept April 17, 2019 minutes with corrections, if needed, motion seconded by Rev. Thorbs-McGee; the motion passed.

III COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Chair, Yvette Sledge

- Attended the prom impact on May 4 and 5, 2019, it was for young ladies and young men that were graduating and/or attending their prom. This is the 5th year, and my 5th year volunteering, Detective Duhaney did an amazing job. People come from all over the City to participate. The Chief and the Inspector escorted the young ladies after they selected a dress. Other agencies were also in attendance to help with whatever was needed. Thank you to Board Members that donated towards the refreshments.

Parks Committee, Represented by Amir Abbady

- The Committee determined it would be more efficient instead of trying to do a walk through, to do a literature drop, with the opportunity for the neighborhood who they were discussing possibly creating a seating park at the area of Brinkerhoff and Dunkirk Ave. They will distribute flyers in that neighborhood to see what the neighborhood residents are interested in doing. They are hopefully going to reply with their suggestions before the Committee talk to City Planning, the Department of Transportation, and Parks Department to see if it is feasible. This pertains to the two parcels of land at the corner of Dunkirk and Brinkerhoff Ave in St. Albans.

- The Committee received a heavy interest from Pouch.com to cover our letter to the Mayor asking for the Billie Holliday statue to come to Southeast Queens. The Community Board Chair is working diligently on drafting the letter; it should be sent out in the near future so that we can make sure we receive coverage for this dispute. It only makes sense the Billie Holliday comes home to Southeast Queens, the idea of putting the stature in front of Borough Hall just does not make any sense.

Youth Committee, Represented by Bilal Karriem

- They heal a community 'Eid Al held in Kings Park on May 11, 2019 for the Moslem Community, so they could break their fast; this is the 4th year doing this. Future events are, a housing workshop and what you need to know before purchasing homes and affordable housing. There will also be a "Who to Hold Accountable" workshop in the future.
- Ms. Keller suggested the Committee needs to have a Youth Community Forum, so that the young people can voice their opinions and issues that they are facing.
- Thanked everyone involved who help to make the Black Family Summit a success.

Land Use Committee, Represented by Kenny Carter

- Amir Abbady gave Land Use Committee Report in the absence of Chairperson Carter. On behalf of the Land Use Committee did have objections for the development of "As a Right" parcel of land, Lot 39; but because City Planning stated the developer could use the lot for an "As a Right" usage without the Board's approval. The Committee agreed to allow the developer to make the cosmetic renovations for the parcel. The Committee voted in the affirmative to authorize the BSA item.

IV. Vote on BSA Application #187-97-bz (148-02 Rockaway Blvd., southeast corner of Rockaway Blvd. and 148 Street, Block #12103, Lot # 25).

Voting Results: 14 Approval 12 Opposition 4 Abstentions

Motion Failed. 30 members voted. Majority (50% + 1) needed to pass

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

Motion to close business section made by Rev. Thorbs-McGee, seconded by Bishop Artis

V. Public Forum

Lawrence Washington, Road Runner

- Our mission is to help and inspire people through running, and together with the help of our NYRR members, supporters, participants, and partners, we work hard every day to fulfill that goal. Rest assured that with every stride we take, we're focused on making as big an impact as we can on community, youth, charity, and every individual runner.
- They empower teachers in the schools to incorporate physical education into lessons; most schools in NYC do not meet the physical education requirements. They also give junior girls who, who will be seniors a chance to go through a 7 week program where they learn how to run and become healthy members of the community; they are rewarded a \$2,000 scholarship after they complete the 7 weeks.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.