



# Community Board 12

## The City of New York

### Borough of Queens

Jamaica, Hollis, St. Albans, South Ozone Park, and Springfield Gardens

90-28 161<sup>st</sup> Street  
Jamaica, New York 11432  
[qn12@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:qn12@cb.nyc.gov)  
[www.nyc.gov/qcb12](http://www.nyc.gov/qcb12)

(718) 658-3308  
Fax (718) 739-6997

**Melinda Katz**  
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

**Adrienne Adams**  
CHAIRPERSON

**Vicky Morales Casella**  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY BOARDS

**Yvonne Reddick**  
DISTRICT MANAGER

#### COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

#### MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

- I. PRESIDING: Adrienne E. Adams, Chairperson
- II. PRESENT: Adrienne E. Adams  
Maxine Allen  
Melvin Artis  
Nigel Barker  
Jacqueline Boyce  
David Bucknor  
Kenneth Carter  
Manuel Caughman  
Brittany Chambers  
Barbara Duncan  
Alexandra Dyer  
Patrick Evans  
Mabel Everett  
Joan Flowers  
Thomas Greenaway  
Glenn Greenidge  
Dora Grizsel  
Ian Harris  
Calvin Hewitt  
James Heyliger  
Rene Cheatham-Hill  
Khondokar Tarikul Islam  
Clementine James  
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson

Michele Keller  
Michelle Kirkland  
Gregory Mays  
Edward McKay, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Tunisia Morrison  
Maurice Muir  
Kemar Newman  
Rodney Pride  
Kamal Saleem  
Luc Art Severe  
Yvette Sledge  
Florence Simmons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Bryan White  
Benjamin Wright, Jr., Treasurer  
Geraldine Taylor-Brown  
Mary A. Childs  
Daniel Englander  
Nadi Ghaness  
Richard Hogan  
Audrey Lee Jacobs  
Celeste James  
Bilal Karriem  
Margaret Kirkland  
Toni Totten

ABSENT:

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

Announcements were read by Rene Cheatham-Hill, Secretary

**IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

As we reconvene tonight ladies and gentlemen, I ask for a moment of silence in remembrance of our long-time Board Member the Honorable John McRae whom we lost last week. Mr. McRae served on this board for over 40 years.

As life brings us high and lows, I would also like to congratulate long time Community Board 12 member the Honorable Maurice Muir on his appointment.

I was appointed to Community Board 12 in 2009 by Councilman Thomas White, Jr. and Borough President Helen Marshal. Since that appointment, my perfect attendance record here at CB12, I have never missed a Community Board meeting; this will change next month, as the reigns of Chairmanship will transfer to our first Vice Chair, Rev. Edward McKay. To our members, the Executive Committee, Officers, and our wonderful office staff, it has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve as your Chairperson for 5 great amazing years.

In her absence, I will speak to her, my District Manager; she is my diva, she has been my other mother, she has been my partner in leadership, my sage, and the keeper of the history of every agency in the City of NY, The Honorable Yvonne Reddick, without her would be no me.

So, dear Members as we open this meeting but close this chapter, I know that you will continue to move forward with conscience goals, determination and dedication to this awesome board.

I encourage you to march on in our theme for the year: TRIUMPH

- TRIUMPH in the area of truth
- TRIUMPH over the known
- TRIUMPH over the unknown
- TRIUMPH over riches
- TRIUMPH over poorer
- TRIUMPH over up
- TRIUMPH over down
- TRIUMPH over ignorance
- TRIUMPH over bigotry
- TRIUMPH over racism
- TRIUMPH over the classism
- TRIUMPH when you know they are watching and TRIUMPH when indeed there is no one watching

Remember, my dear Board members the harder the conflict the more glorious the TRIUMPH.

#### **V. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

In Community Board 12 a number of projects are in progress: HWQ121B4- Lakeview Blvd. East Project is 95% complete entire project should be completed spring of next year 2018. They will be doing one (1) block of road, curb and sidewalk on Lakeview between 119<sup>th</sup> Drive and 119<sup>th</sup> Road. The storm sewer out fall has to be done. That is the end part of the new installed storm sewer. Street signs will be replaced in October or November.

- SE854 Lucas Street Project is moving forward on schedule.
- SEQNS001 Sewer when & where contract sewer installation and replacement of water main relocation in various locations in CB12 and CB 13 in the following locations:
  - On 209<sup>th</sup> Street b/t 94<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Jamaica Ave. - CB13
  - On 113<sup>th</sup> Ave. b/t 198<sup>th</sup> Street and 199<sup>th</sup> Street
  - 200<sup>th</sup> Street b/t Murdock Ave. and 115<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - 199<sup>th</sup> Street b/t Murdock Ave. and 115<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - 199<sup>th</sup> Street b/t 115<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 116<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - 197<sup>th</sup> Street b/t Murdock Avenue and 115<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - Murdock Ave. b/t 197<sup>th</sup> Street and 198<sup>th</sup> Street
  - 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. b/t 209<sup>th</sup> Place and 212<sup>th</sup> Street – CB13
  - 112<sup>th</sup> Ave. b/t Delevan Street and Springfield Blvd. - CB13
  - 113<sup>th</sup> Ave. b/t Springfield Blvd. and 219<sup>th</sup> Street - CB13
  - On Murdock Ave. b/t Springfield Blvd. and 219<sup>th</sup> Street - CB13
  - Mayville Street b/t 113<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Newburg Street

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

***Acknowledgements of Elected Officials and their Representatives was made by the Chairperson***



**VI. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. This is an application for a variance for a 2-story, 2-family home on an existing vacant lot located at the intersection of 116<sup>th</sup> Street and 200<sup>th</sup> Ave. The lot area is 2,500 sq. ft., the width is 25 feet, and the depth is 100 feet. ; it is a narrow lot. It is located in a R3-A zoning district; this is a waiver of both floor area and front yard.

For corner lots two 10 feet front yards are required, we are providing one 12 foot 8" front yard which will align with the adjacent home. We are asking for a waiver of the other front yard.

**VII. PRESENTATION**

Councilman Miller spoke about the NYC Council Participatory Budgeting, invited everyone to join him at an upcoming neighborhood assembly to learn how they can spend \$1 million to improve their community. The first assembly will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Southern Queens Park Association, 177-01 Baisley Blvd (inside Roy Wilkins Park). The second will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at PS 37 – The Cynthia Jenkins School, 179-37 137 Ave (off of Merrick Blvd). For additional information please contact Candace Prince-Modeste at 178-776-3700 or [cmodeste@council.nyc.gov](mailto:cmodeste@council.nyc.gov).

Motion to open business section made by Rev. McKay, seconded by Bishop Artis

**VII. BUSINESS SESSION**

Rene Cheatham-Hill, Secretary, 39 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced

- I. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion to adopt the June 21, 2017 minutes was made by Patrick Evans, seconded by Joan Flowers, the motion passed.

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Block United Committee: Represented by Rev. Edward McKay, Chairperson

Gave an update about the Blocks United Sub-Committee initiative to remove illegal signs posted in the community. The report included area/streets/dates in June, the team of young men from FAITH (Fathers Alive in the Hood), 113 Precinct Neighborhood Coordination Officers & other volunteers that he is working with as they went out into the community to pull down illegal advertising signs.

Guest Speaker: Curlene Nelson, NCLA, CB 12, Education Committee, informed the committee regarding a law, according to the DA, that is on the books and is legal to ask teens age 16 & 17 to participate in a police line-up. The teens are offered \$10 & pizza for their participation. No fingerprints are taken, photos are taken of the teens, they claim photos are later destroyed. Ms. Nelson stated Detectives went to Martin Van Buren H.S. In some cases the teen participated with parental consent and some without parental consent. It is not unlawful.

In addition, Ms. Nelson is also concern with education and working with senior citizens to train and teach seniors how to use the computer. We live in a computer age, the world is becoming paperless, seniors are/and can be left behind. Medical records are on-line, report complaints to 311 on-line, seniors need to learn and understand technology. NCLA provides computer training to seniors free of charge at 45 Senior Centers & churches in Brooklyn & Queens. Seniors learn how to use I-Phones, tablets, desktops & laptops.



PO Wilchez, NCO, Sector C, addressed concern/complaint made by Ms. Nelson and stated his superiors knows and are aware of the incident. PO Wilchez stated the NCO Program is working to helping to bridge the gap between police & community.

**Economic Development Committee:** Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson  
The Committee discussed at length the establishment of yet another homeless shelter on 140-17 Queens Blvd, all the rooms are rented for the next 30 days, and they have a security guard next to the front desk.

The Archer Merrick Apartments Lottery is now open; Online go to [nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://nyc.gov/housingconnect)  
Mail Archer Merrick, P.O. Box 20540, Floral Park, NY 11002 send self-addressed envelope. Application Deadline is October 16, 2017.

The upcoming Economic Development Summit is planned for some time in November we have had to postpone it due to other events at York College. The topics will be New Market Tax Credits, Purpose CDFIs, Community Investment Tools, and 4-5 CDFIs will be there to meet with businesses. Chipotle, Burlington, H&M, Dallas BBQ, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Starbucks are coming to Downtown Jamaica.

**Land Use Committee:** Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson  
In the matter of Application # 2017-222-BZ submitted by Gerald J. Caliendo, Architect PC 200-01 116<sup>th</sup> Ave, Northside of 116 Avenue on the corner formed by the intersection of 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 200<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 11041, Lot 9). This is an application for a variance (bulk & yard) to permit the construction of a two-family residence in a R3A zoning district which would have a non-complying front yard contrary to 23-45ZR. The floor area is contrary to section 23-142 ZR.

**Recommendation:** Land Use committee does NOT approve the request for variances for the building of this property. We feel the construction of this project would negatively impact the quality of life in our community.

**Education Committee:** Represented by Joan Flowers, Chairperson  
Donna Lobato, Lisa DiGaudio and Zach Flory gave a presentation regarding a proposed Public Charter Transfer High School. They would be providing services to 15-21 year old failing students. Besides the regular curriculum, students would do an internship every other week so as to hone their working experience. All students will have to attempt the Regents exams. They are looking for a standalone site close to York College, in other words, they are not contemplating bring co-located in an existing school building.

We discussed revisiting the idea of a Parent Forum, and the consensus was that we would not do one at this time. Our energies will be spent on getting information from the various education meetings so that we can make robust presentations.

**Nominating Committee:** Represented by Yvette Sledge, Chairperson  
It is preparation time for the community board as they begin their yearly election process. Any letters of intent from eligible members wishing to run for the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice chair and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair will be accepted from now throughout the month of October. Information may be emailed to Yvette Sledge at [vetvet4040@aol.com](mailto:vetvet4040@aol.com) or mail it to Community Board 12 district office at 90-28 161 Street, Jamaica, NY 11423, Attn: Yvette Sledge, Nominating Chairperson.

According to the By-Laws, a member must have served at least one (1) year on the community board prior to running for an elected office and must be present at community board meetings at least 70% of the time. All eligible members are encouraged to run for Executive Office.

#### **VIII. VOTE ON ULURP/BSA APPLICATIONS**

**Re: Application 2017-222-BZ:**

Voting Results: 39 Approvals; 0 Opposition; 0 Abstentions

**Re: Resolution to participate in the formulation of a Community Benefits Agreement for the proposed \$10 Billion dollar upgrade to JFK Airport**

Voting Results: 39 Approvals; 0 Opposition; 0 Abstentions

Chairperson Adams made the motion to conclude the Business Session.

#### **V. PUBLIC FORUM**

Candice Prince-Modeste: Chief of Staff for Councilman I. Daneek Miller. Would like to reintroduce the concept of the Participatory Budget (PB). If you are a resident of Council District 27 or C.D. 31, you have the distinct honor and pleasure of being able to once again take part in this ground breaking process. The Participatory Budget takes public monies that traditionally would be solely up to the Councilmembers to decide how to spend it and put aside a portion of those monies for you, as residents of your community to decide how those monies are spent. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year that the City Council is undertaking this effort. Her goal for the night is to solicit ideas from the audience and to invite the community to learn more about the process either through attending a future presentation that she may do, or to serve as a budget delegate. To participate in PB you must only live in the district in which your Councilmember represents and you should be at least 11 years of age.

Rev. Charles Norris: With the money coming into the JFK project, there should be some soundproofing of homes, churches, school buildings, and other entities in the community. No matter who lives in that community, they should receive some of the finance that is coming in from this \$10,000,000. Who will handle this money? It is time for the community to stop playing one against the other.

Brittany Brie, Emblem Health: She is an organizer with Emblem Health. Emblem Health is doing a Medicare outreach program and putting on different events all over New York. They are bringing in home Medicare experts to come in and talk about different eligibility requirements, basic information on Medicare, different coverage options, when enroll period ends, so that either you or your family members are able to receive the information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **9:05 p.m.**