



Community Board 12
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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS
February 16, 2022

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 via ZOOM at 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hanafi Alam
 Mohammad Ali
 Angela Allen
 Natalie Blain
 Maxine Brannon
 Manuel Caughman
 Marcia Francis
 Glenn Greenidge
 Vishal Hardowar
 Rene Hill
 Crystal Isaac
 Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson
 Audrey Lee Jacobs
 Al-Hassan Kanu
 Bilal Karriem, 2nd Vice Chairperson
 Michelle Keller, 1st Vice Chairperson
 Latoya LeGrand
 Celeste James
 Clementine James
 Bernadette Logan
 Edward McKay
 Charline Ogbeni

Fitzroy Searles
 Owen Shakespeare
 Yvette Sledge
 Rev. C. Princess Thorbs McGee, Chairperson
 Toni Totten
 Khari White

ABSENT: Melvin Artis
Jacqueline Boyce
Kenneth Carter
Jean Randolph-Castro
Clifton Stanley Diaz
Mabel Everett
Nurul Haque
Richard Hogan
Derek Irby
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Dawn Kelly
Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey
Wanda Manley
Abdus Salaam Musa
Shah Nawaz
Rodney Pride

Rev. Carlene Thorbs, Chairperson

- Read the Announcements
- As I was reflecting on Black History Month, which should be World History Month we should be telling our story. There is nothing moving, turning, breathing, or being that does not have our fingerprint on it that we have not had something to do with its existence.
- People now have the freedom to do and to walk the streets and to be and to have businesses is because of what we have fought for and stood for.

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

Yvonne Reddick, District Manager

Project #: SEQ200596

- Replacement of Storm Sewer and Water Main on 183rd Street between 90th Avenue and Jamaica Avenue. 24-hour full road closure of intersection 183rd Street and Jamaica Avenue begins Thursday, February 17, 2022. All traffic approaching 183rd Street and Jamaica Avenue will be directed to 177th Street to get to Liberty Avenue. All business entrances along 183rd Street between Jamaica Avenue and Liberty Avenue will be accessible from Liberty Avenue. Full closure will be approximately two months if weather permits.

Project #: HWPEDSF4A - Reconstruction of Parson Blvd. Plaza. This project will be between Jamaica Avenue and Archer Avenue on Parsons Blvd.

Project #: SEQ200578 - Reconstruction of Foch Blvd. This project is complete. Contractor is working on the Punchlist.

- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). If you heat your home with: Electricity, Natural Gas, Oil, Coal, Propane, Wood/Wood Pellets, Kerosene. Emergency HEAP 2021-2022 benefit opened January 3, 2022. If you are eligible, the Emergency HEAP benefit can help you heat your home if you are in a heat or heat related emergency.

You can reach out to Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica, Inc. (NHS) at info@nhsj.org, or 718-291-7400.

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Committee Reports

Land Use Committee, Chairperson Vishal Hardwar – Postponed until the March 16, 2022, General Board Meeting.

PRESENTATION

David Mandel, Community Liaison, Public Art, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs

- Tonight, I'm going to tell you a little bit about the present for art program, because we have an upcoming project in your district, which is related to the upcoming basically Park branch library renovation and expansion project. When I refer to public art, we're talking about the successful intersection of community public space and art.
- The present for our program is based on the percent for art law, which was passed in 1982, which states that 1% of capital funds for every new constructed or reconstructed city own building must allocate 1% towards a workup public art. The images you see here is at the dedication, the first percent for art piece in 1985 dedication ceremony with them Mayor Ed Koch in the picture on the left and you can see the work of art still standing today, as these are meant as a kind of not these are temporary installations, these are permanent public works of art.
- I'm going to tell you a little bit about how do we commission of work of art, being present for our program. This process is done through a two-meeting process we have to what we call panel meetings, and for this project. I can tell you specifically the first panel meeting is coming up on February 23. And at that meeting, what we do is we have a meeting where we convene with architects, The project design team.

ROLL CALL: 28 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced.

Motion made by Bilal Karriem to accept the January 19, 2022, minutes with the necessary changes the motion was seconded by Marcia Francis; motion passed.

Motion made by Bilal Karriem to close Business section, seconded by Ahnaf Alam; motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.