



Community Board 12

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Chairperson

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Director of Community Boards

YVONNE REDDICK
District Manager

Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 7:00pm

Members Present - 36		
Ahnaf Alam	Mohammad Ali	Angela Allen
Jacqueline Boyce	Maxine Brannon	Kenny Carter
Glenn Greenidge	Nurul Haque	Vishal Hardowar, Esq.
Rene Cheatham Hill	Celeste James	Clementine James
Chantel Johnson	Al Hussan-Kanu	Bilal Karriem, 2 nd Vice Chairperson
Michele Keller, 1 st Vice Chairperson	Latoya Legrand	Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey
Rev. Bernadette Logan	Wanda Manley	Rev. Edward Mckay
Abdus Salaam Musa	Charline Ogbeni	Akther H. Rahman
Fitzroy Searles, Secretary	Amanda Sewanan	Owen Shakespeare
Florence Simmons	Yvette Sledge	Rev. C. Princess Thorbs-Mcgee, Chairperson
Toni Totten	Linette Townsley	Bryan White
Khari White	Jeanette Wilson	Patricia Wooden

Members Absent or Excused – 15		
Melvin Artis	Natalie Blain	Jean Randolph-Castro
Manuel Caughman	Tanbir Chowdhury	Clifton Stanley Diaz
Marcia Francis	Yullanda Hinds	Crystal Isaac
Khondokar Tarikul Islam	Audrey Lee Jacobs	Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson
Dawn Kelly	Angela Miskis	Shah Nawaz

Rev. Thorbs called the general meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Mr. Searles made announcements about upcoming events and opportunities occurring within Community District 12.

Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs

Rev. Carlene Thorbs began her report by welcoming attendees and honoring Black History Month. She briefed the attendees on some of the inventions and scientific contributions made by African Americans. Rev. Thorbs provided a synopsis of meetings that she attended in January, including a scoping session for the proposed development of housing on the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center campus. Rev. Thorbs also gave a special thank you to Ms. Yullanda Hinds for the presentation Ms. Hinds gave to the Public Safety Committee on cyber security.

District Manager's Report – Ms. Yvonne Reddick

Ms. Yvonne Reddick informed the community of sewer repair work taking place within the district. She gave highlights of the joint meeting between NYPD Queens North and South and Community Board chairpersons and district managers. Ms. Reddick stated the primary focus of the NYPD meeting was quality of life issues. She segued into requesting that residents report quality of life issues utilizing 311. Please contact the CB12 District Office to receive a full copy of the Ms. Reddick's report.

Community Session

Ms. Charlise Washington, Business Instructor, with Complete Girlz presented on their program. Complete Girlz is a not-for-profit organization geared towards the empowerment and mentorship of young women between the ages of 9-12 years old. Presently, the group hold academic excellence meetings once a month online on Saturdays from September to June. For more information, please visit <https://www.completegirlz.com/>

Mr. Jason Chen a representative of the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) advised the board of upcoming changes to setting out trash for collection. Beginning on April 1, 2023, residents will be able to set their refuse out on the curb the night before their DSNY collection at 6:00pm in garbage cans or 8:00 pm in bags. Placing your garbage out prior to these times may result in summons and fines. To ensure your trash is collected it must be set out before midnight.

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/collection-setout-times>

Committees to Report

At 8:47pm, Mr. Bilal Karriem made a motion for the board to enter the business session, which was seconded by Rev. Edward McKay. The motion was passed unanimously.

Most of the committees did not have any items to report either due to meeting schedules or cancelations.

Transportation Committee Report – Ms. Renee Cheatham Hill

Ms. Renee Cheatham Hill spoke about the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) plan to install additional mobile telecommunication towers throughout Community District 12. Presently the district has a total of 276 mobile telecommunication towers. She stated that many members of the committee and community expressed concerns regarding the potential health risk associated with the technology. Ms. Hill mentioned that DOT intends on increasing the number of ride share parking spaces within the district, however, she did not have the locations.

Ms. Cheatham Hill also discussed Gov. Kathy Hochul's proposed New York Housing Compact, a transit-oriented development (TOD) plan which seeks to build 800,000 units across the State of New York within the next decade. According to Gov. Hochul, the New York Housing Compact is designed to upzone low-density areas adjacent to mass-transportation to provide greater housing opportunities and affordability. However, under the advisement of Mr. Paul Graziano, of North Flushing, Ms. Hill warned that this plan could jeopardize the continuity and quality of communities within our district. Ms. Hill shared details for a rally in opposition to Gov. Hochul's proposed plan scheduled for February 24, 2023, in Douglaston, Queens.

Business Session

There was no business before the board. Rev. Thorbs called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made by Mr. Vishal Hardowar and seconded by Ms. Celeste James. All board members present voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes written by Mr. Searles, Secretary.