



Community Board 12

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Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 7:00pm

Members Present - 27		
Ahnaf Alam	Mohammad Ali	Jacqueline Boyce
Jean Randolph-Castro	Manuel Caughman	Marcia Francis
Nurul Haque	Rene Cheatham Hill	Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Audrey Lee Jacobs	Celeste James	Chantel Johnson
Al Hussan-Kanu	Bilal Karriem, 2 nd Vice Chairperson	Michele Keller, 1 st Vice Chairperson
Latoya Legrand	Abdus Salaam Musa	Charline Ogbeni
Krystal Roberts	Fitzroy Searles, Secretary	Amanda Sewanan
Owen Shakespeare	Rev. C. Princess Thorbs-Mcgee, Chairperson	Toni Totten
Linette Townsley	Jeanette Wilson	Patricia Wooden

Members Absent or Excused – 22		
Angela Allen	Wanda Best	Maxine Brannon
Kenny Carter	Tanbir Chowdhury	Clifton Stanley Diaz
Glenn Greenidge	Vishal Hardowar, Esq.	Jolander Headley
Yullanda Hinds	Crystal Isaac	Clementine James
Dawn Kelly	Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey	Rev. Edward Mckay
Angela Miskis	Donald Murphy	Shah Nawaz
Akther H. Rahman	Florence Simmons	Yvette Sledge
Khari White		

Rev. Thorbs welcomed attendees and called the general meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs

Chairperson Thorbs stated that like last month's meeting, tonight's meeting is packed with information that we have to get out. There are presentations that we have to get to. Please be aware and be mindful. Make it 2 minutes. You can tell us exactly what it is you need us to know.

District Manager's Report – Yvonne Reddick

Ms. Reddick announced that now through November 15, 2023, DEP customers can receive \$100 off their water bill by enrolling in Autopay. Autopay allows customers to pay their bill automatically on the due dates, you will get monthly notices that your payment is scheduled and paid. Customers can sign up for autopay through their [My DEP Account](#). To learn more, visit DEP Autopay [Web Page](#), or call (718) 595-7000, or visit their customer service offices.

Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) Programs are in place to assist owners of properties that are in foreclosure. HPD works with the Center for New York City Neighborhoods (the center) and local community-based organizations to assist homeowners who are at risk of displacement due to foreclosures, scams, municipal tax, liens, operating and maintenance costs, or a lack of estate planning through the Homeowner Help Desk. From April 2022 through March 2022 the program was a pilot program in Central Brooklyn, Southeast Queens, and the North Bronx.

Ms. Reddick spoke about the Capital and Expense Budget

Community Session

Watson Millison, Program Manager, Energy Efficiency, Con Edison will be speaking about Energy Efficiency programs. The Program provides cash rebates and incentives for energy efficiency projects. These include installing energy-efficient equipment and technologies. Only Con Edison gas and electric customers are eligible for CIEE Programs.

Business Session

Bilal Karriem made a motion for the board to enter its business session. The motion was seconded by Rene Hill and passed unanimously.

Bilal Karriem made a motion to accept September 20, 2023 minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Krystal Roberts.

Correction made to page 3 of September 18, 2023 Minutes – should be "As of Right"

Committees to Report

Land Use Committee – Chairperson Thorbs read report on behalf of Mr. Vishal Hardowar, Esq.

1. In the matter of BSA Application #2023-19-A, (107-27/29/31/33 155th Street, Block:

10134, Lot # 12) submitted by Rothkrug & Spencer, LLP. The Application is for an appeal pursuant to the common law doctrine of vested rights for reinstatement of permits issued by the Department of Buildings (“DOB”) for four cellar and three-story residential buildings.

MOTION MADE BY BILAL KARRIEM TO TABLE VOTE UNTIL NOVEMBER 15, 2023 GENERAL MEETING, SECONDED BY LINETTE TOWNSLEY

2. In the matter of BSA Application #2023-55-BZ (149-04 Rockaway Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11436, Block: 12101, Lot # 22) submitted by Eric Palatnik, P.C. The Application is to permit a Use Group 16 automotive service station with accessory uses located in an R5D/C2-3 zoning district.

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Transportation Committee – Chairperson Rene Hill

Ms. Hill introduced the speakers requesting the street co-naming changes

- Dorothy Gist on behalf of our Street Co-Naming Committee. Street Co-Naming of Marne Place between 113th Avenue and Linden Blvd. to Rev. Robert Ross Johnson Place. **Petitions have been submitted.**

The members unanimously vote in favor of the street co-naming

- Shaunna Marie Stevens on behalf of street co-naming for Ethel L. Cuff Black. **Petitions have been submitted.**

The members unanimously vote in favor of the street co-naming

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm as there was no other business.