



Community Board 12

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DISTRICT MANAGER

Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2024
7:00pm

Members Present - 45		
Sophia Abel	Ahnaf Alam	Mohammad Ali
Angela Allen	Wanda Best	Pamela Bluford
Jacqueline Boyce	Maxine Brannon	Manuel Caughman
Kenny Carter	Jean Randolph-Castro	Jennifer Delatour
Jonnel Doris	Glenn Greenidge	Vishal Hardowar, Esq.
Frankco Harris	Jolander Headley	Rene Cheatham Hill, Treasurer
Crystal Isaac	Khondokar Tarikul Islam	Audrey Lee Jacobs
Leonard Jacobs	Celeste James	Clementine James
Sharmayne Jenkins	Chantel Johnson	Al Hassan-Kanu
Bilal Karriem, 1st Vice Chairperson	Latoya LeGrand	Marcia Francis

Bernadette Logan	Benjulkys Martinez	Donald Murphy
Akther H. Rahman	Krystal Roberts	Amit Shivprasad
Christopher Smith	Rev. C. Princess Thorbs-McGee, Chairperson	Toni Totten
Linette Townsley	Khari White, 3 rd Vice Chairperson	Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey
Andrew Wilkins	Abdus Salaam Musa, Parliamentarian	Patricia Wooden
Members Absent/Excused-4		
Dawn Kelly	Nurul Haque	Shah Nawaz
Jeanette Wilson		

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

Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs

Chairperson Thorbs read the announcements of upcoming events in the community.

Rev. Thorbs urged the Community Board 12 members to review and sign up for free emergency preparedness class at Linden Renaissance Middle School on November 30th at 6:30 PM.

- Community members to review information on school budget bills and support efforts to pass them.
- Artists to submit proposals for public artwork at Roy Wilkins Recreation Center by December 6th.
- Community members to participate in health impact survey on flooding effects in Southeast Queens.
- Community members to sign petition against Con Edison substation demolition impact.
- Community Board members to donate at least \$10 to Celeste James for good and welfare efforts.
- Community members to attend MTA information event organized by elected officials and CB12.
- Sanitation Department to enforce ban on black garbage bags at curb starting January 1, 2025.
- Jamaica Hospital to continue lung cancer screening outreach program to eligible patients.
- Community members aged 50-80 who smoke or recently quit to get lung cancer screening.
- CB12 to work with 103rd and 113th precincts on addressing car repair shops blocking sidewalks.
- Community members to attend 116th Precinct open house and ribbon cutting in mid-December.

- Community Board 12 to arrange for Department of Buildings representatives to hold office hours for community members regarding building-related issues at the Jamaica Avenue office
- Community Board 12 to follow up with Con Edison regarding health and safety concerns about the new substation project.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Reddick recently attended a meeting with the DA's office whereby they discussed the different ongoing scams:

- Fake Charities
Verify the charity and their information is correct:
Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance
Charity Navigator
Charity Watch
Guide Star
- Phone Scams
Take many forms, usually a well-known company
 - Bank
 - Account restricted
 - Unauthorized transaction
 - Online retailer
 - Delivery retailer
 - Delivery companies (UPS, Fed Ex, Amazon, or USPS)
 - Government agency (IRS, FBI)

Romance Scams

- In 2023 nearly 65,000 victims lost over \$1 billion
- In 2022 reported losses were \$1.3 billion (FTC 2023 data)
- Scammers create profiles on dating, chat or other sites
- Contact their victims on social media and develop a relationship
- Soon after comes the lies to get your money

District Manager's full report filed in the district office

PRESENTATION

Dr. Aldane Boylett, a medical oncologist hematologist at Jamaica Hospital, made an announcement about a partnership between Jamaica Hospital and Memorial Stone Catering. The next general meeting was scheduled for the second Wednesday of December.

Lung Cancer Screening and Detection – November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

The community discussed the importance of early detection and treatment of lung cancer, highlighting that it claims more lives annually than breast cancer, even among women. They noted that only 27% of lung cancer patients are diagnosed at an early stage, but this rate is higher

in New York compared to other states. The community also discussed the launch of a lung cancer screening program by Jamaica Hospital and the Ortho Health Network, which has reached out to 803 eligible patients, with 310 accepting the screening. The discussion also touched on the importance of family history and secondhand smoking in increasing the risk of lung cancer. The conversation ended with a motion to close the session.

Bilal Karriem made a motion to open the Business section, seconded by Glenn Greenidge. The motion was seconded and passed.

Business Session

Bilal Karriem made a motion to accept October 16 , 2024, minutes with corrections, seconded by Toni Totten. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Corrections: should state Yards instead of years on page 1 and page 3
Ahnaf Alam was present at the October 16, 2024 meeting.**

Committee Reports

Latoya LeGrand, Chairperson Education Committee

The meeting began with a roll call, confirming the attendance of various members. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to accept them with the necessary corrections. The corrections were noted, and the motion was passed. The Education Committee chairperson, Latoya Legrand, then presented the committee's report, highlighting the presentations from Joanne Cummins, Dr. Truett Lee Vaigneur, Teresa Hooks, and Isaac Augustine. The committee discussed various topics including the ACE and SEEK program for underserved students, the role of the Cuny Coalition for Students with Disabilities, and the availability of services for students needing evaluations. The conversation ended with the sharing of contact information for the presenters.

Angela Allen, Chairperson, Nominating Committee

The nomination committee presented their nominees for the positions of 1st Vice Chair, 3rd Vice Chair, and Treasurer.

The nominees included Rene Hill, Khari White, and Bilal Karriem. The committee also announced that voting for these positions would take place in December

Ms. Allen read the bios for Rene Hill and Khari White. Bilal Karriem gave an oral report on his bio.

Bilal Karriem made a motion to close the Business section, seconded by Glenn Greenidge. The motion was seconded and passed.

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