



Community Board 12

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Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
7:00pm

Members Present - 32		
Sophia Abel	Mohammad Ali	Angela Allen
Pamela Bluford	Maxine Brannon	Jean Randolph-Castro
Manuel Caughman	Jonnel Doris	Glenn Greenidge
Patricia Wooden	Vishal Hardowar, Esq.	Rene Cheatham Hill, Treasurer
Crystal Isaac	Khondokar Tarikul Islam	Audrey Lee Jacobs
Clementine James	Sharmayne Jenkins	Chantel Johnson
Al Hassan-Kanu	Bilal Karriem, 1st Vice Chairperson	Latoya LeGrand
Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey	Benjulkys Martinez	Donald Murphy
Krystal Roberts	Amit Shivprasad	Christopher Smith

Rev. Carlene O. Thorbs-McGee, Chairperson	Linette Townsley	Khari White, 3 rd Vice Chairperson
Jeanette Wilson	Andrew Wilkins	
Members Absent/Excused- 16		
Ahnaf Alam	Wanda Best	Jacqueline Boyce
Jennifer Delatour	Marcia Francis	Nurul Haque
Frankco Harris	Jolander Headley	Leonard Jacobs
Dawn Kelly	Bernadette Logan	Abdus Salaam Musa, Parliamentarian
Shah Nawaz	Akther H. Rahman	Toni Totten
Kenny Carter		

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

Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs

Chairperson Thorbs read announcements from the Elected Officials of upcoming events in the community.

Chairperson Thorbs asked for a moment of silence for the loss of a community member, Tony Totten, and encouraged attendees to offer their support and prayers.

Chairperson Thorbs highlighted the significance of Black History Month and the need to teach and preserve the history of black people. She asked that attendees share their knowledge and experiences, and to be proud of their contributions to the community.

Chairperson Thorbs emphasized the need for everyone to contribute their ideas and opinions, and to be active in their communities.

District Manager's Report – Yvonne Reddick

Con Edison – Tips to lower your Bill

- Conserve energy – Set thermostats at the lowest comfortable temperature. Each degree lowers degree heating costs. Make sure heating vents are not blocked by furniture, carpeting or anything that could block the flow of heat. Each degree over 68 degrees can increase your energy usage by 3 percent.
- Keep the areas around your heating and cooling vents clear.
- Keep your ducts and vents clean

- Consider a cold wash
- Swap your shades seasonally

Energy Share Grants

- Residential customers may qualify for up to \$200 toward their bill annually per Energy Share season.

To Qualify, a customer must:

- Have made at least one good faith payment toward their bill within the last 12 months, and,
- Be eligible for government financial assistance and meet federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) income guidelines.
- You can contact Heartshare AT (718) 422-4207.
- Email: heartshareenergy1@heartshare.org

Business Session

Bilal Karriem made a motion to open the Business Session, seconded by Chantel Johnson. The motion was second and passed.

Bilal Karriem made a motion to accept January 17, 2025, minutes with corrections, seconded by Chantel Johnson. The motion was second and passed.

Correction: Sharon Sweeting Lindsey was present for January 17, 2025 full meeting.

Committee Reports

Vishal Hardowar, Esq., Land Use Committee Chairperson

Anna Killion, Outreach Coordinator, Office of Communication & Policy and NYC Department of Design and Construction, on the outdoor space renovation at Jamaica Performing Arts Center (JPAC).

The project aims to address tripping hazards, provide an accessible pathway from the site entrance to the building, and address stormwater runoff and soil erosion. The renovation includes upgrading existing lighting, restoring the existing fountain, and repairing the entry steps to the building. The project also involves sidewalk renovation, tree pit enlargement, and the installation of new handrails. The construction is scheduled to start in Q1 2026 and is expected to be completed by Q2 2027. The building will remain open and accessible to the public throughout the construction period. The presenters are seeking a letter of recommendation from the Board.

Conclusion: The following motion was made and carried out: The LUC recommends that the General Board support the renovation of the outdoor space JPAC.

Vishal Hardowar, Esq. made a motion to accept the Jamaica Performing Arts Center (JPAC) seconded by all. The motion was second and passed.

Approve

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Opposed

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Abstain

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Glenn Greenidge made a motion to close Business Session, seconded by Jean Randolph-Castro. The motion was second and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm as there was no other business.