



Community Board 12

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

- I. PRESIDING: Adrienne E. Adams, Chairperson
- II. PRESENT: Adrienne E. Adams
Melvin Artis
Jacqueline Boyce
Maxine Brannon
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
David Bucknor
Kenneth Carter
Ruth Campbell
Manuel Caughman
Barbara Duncan
Patrick Evans
Joan Flowers
Nadi Ghaness
Thomas Greenaway
Glenn Greenidge
Ian Harris
Calvin Hewitt
James Heyliger
Richard Hogan
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson
Celeste James
Michele Keller

Gregory Mays
Edward McKay, 1st Vice Chairperson
Maurice Muir
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
Bryan White
Benjamin Wright, Jr., Treasurer
Toni Totten
Constance Robinson-Turner

ABSENT: Mary A. Childs
Daniel Englander
Mabel Everett
Rene Cheatham-Hill
Audrey Lee-Jacobs
Bilal Karriem
Margaret Kirkland
John McRae
Rodney Pride
Kamal Saleem
Yvette Sledge
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Announcements were read by Chairperson Adams

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson thanked the Board for allowing her to serve a third term and congratulated new and re-installed officers: 2nd Vice Chairperson, Reverend Thorbs-McGee and Secretary, Rene Cheatham-Hill. Ms. Adams welcomed Parliamentarian, Reverend Richard Hogan to the Executive Committee as well. The Chairperson is honored to work with each member of Community Board 12 to continue their work and service to the community. It has been said that the year 2017 presents a wake up call to those who have been asleep. This week we are presented with a new (Washington, D.C.) Administration that, for the most part, is alien to civic duty, progressive movement, financial equity, and cultural diversity. In light of all that we've been through as a community, in spite of the challenges to come; this year's theme for Community Board 12 is **TRIUMPH**. TRIUMPH: T = Tenacious, R = Restored, I = Involvement, U = Unmovable, M = Motivated, and P = Persistence, and H = Hearty. We will triumph as a community, as residents, as Community Board 12. We will triumph over the known, and we will triumph over the unknown.

*The Chair's full report was provided to all members and is on file at CB 12's District Office

V. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Deed Fraud is a Serious Crime you should check your property records yearly. Log onto www.nyc.gov/finance to make sure that there are no unknown deeds or mortgages recorded on your property. Check your Title Insurance Policy if it covers deed fraud, it could help with legal fees. Threatened with **eviction**? Register for the free recorded document Notification Program **Acris**, you will be notified by text or email anytime a document is recorded on your property. Go to www.nyc.gov/Finance.

If you think you are a victim of Deed Fraud

- Act quickly!
- Report fraud to the Sheriff's department immediately.
- Get a certified copy of the fraudulent document from the City Register's Office.
- Report the crime to the District Attorney's Office in the borough where the property is located.
- Consult an attorney to confirm your ownership of the property.

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Motion to open the Business Session was made by Calvin Hewitt, seconded by Bishop Melvin Artis, the motion passed unanimously.

Acknowledgements of Elected Officials and their Representatives was made by the Chairperson Councilman I. Daneek Miller provided updates from the City Council

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

The following applications were brought before the Board by applicant Michio Sanga: Application #274-15-BZ, 144-29 South Road (Tuskegee Airmen Way), property is situated at the northwest corner of South Road and Inwood Street, intersection, Block #10045, Lot #18. Application is for new construction of a two-story, two-family residence with 2,034 square footage of development.

Application #273-15-BZ submitted by Michio Sanga, 110-43 160 Street, the property is situated on the east side of 160th Street, 157 ft. north of the corner formed by the intersection of 111th Ave and 160th Street, Block #12164, Lot # 4. Application is for new construction of two-story, two-family residence with 2,201 square footage of development.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson, pronounced quorum, roll call: 28 members present

I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Motion to adopt the December 14, 2016 minutes was made by Bishop Melvin Artis, seconded by Glenn Greenidge, the motion passed.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Committee: Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson
The committee discussed the upcoming Economic Development Summit planned for the March/April time frame. The committee also discussed proposed deliverable outcomes of the Summit:

- Present the leveraging power of CDFIs/Credit Unions in Southeast Queens
- Introduction of NMTC as a financing option for local development
- Show how REITs can be used to fund community reinvestment projects
- MWBEs using these financing options to access capital

The committee distinguished who the target audience would be:

- MWBEs
- Entrepreneurs
- People thinking about starting a business
- Established Businesses wanting to move to the next level

Blocks United Subcommittee: Represented by Reverend Edward McKay, Chairperson
Guest speaker Joan Flowers, Community Board 12, Education Chairperson. Ms. Flowers gave an Education Committee update and discussed the Federal Government (Federal DOE) versus the State being responsible for getting education funds. The State has not been giving the City Schools what they need. Ms. Flowers stated that NYC won the case against NYS and the State owes over a billion dollars to the NYC DOE. Ms. Flowers stated CB 12 covers school districts 27, 28 & 29. The Education Committee has adopted August Martin High School to help it succeed.

Transportation Committee: Represented by Michele Keller, Chairperson
The committee's Vision Zero Priority includes multiple agencies' efforts to reduce traffic fatalities in NYC. Borough Action Plans were released in 2015 for each borough. In Queens, Jamaica Avenue from 168th Street to Francis Lewis Boulevard has been targeted as a priority corridor due to the number of school children that have access to this area. The selected intersections are Woodhull Avenue from 190th Street to Jamaica Avenue. The Q110, Q30, Q31, Q54, and Q56 buses travel through this corridor enabling commuters to transfer to the Q2 and Q3. DOT has evaluated that there are long crossing distances for pedestrians, especially for children and seniors. The existing median does not extend into the crosswalk causing hazardous a condition. The new proposal has shown to decrease pedestrian crashes by 46% and reduce vehicle accidents by 39%.

Education Committee: Represented by Joan Flowers, Chairperson
The committee spoke about their goals for 2017:

- We will invite at least one of the Superintendents of each District to attend a meeting so that we can determine the overall needs of the District they represent. We would also like to have one of them attend a general meeting so they can address the community;
- We want to look into the possibility of having parent meetings, at least once per month, by a conference call in number. We will also collaborate with Ian Harris, Communications Chair, as to the possibility of setting up a 'Facebook Live' page;
- The Committee is planning a 'Parenting Skills' forum, this will include the parent's responsibility to the school his or her child attends;
- A member of our Committee has grant writing skills, which we hope to use after we have conversation with either the Superintendent or a Principal, so as to take advantage of any grants that are available for the furtherance of educating our children;
- We now have a comprehensive list of all the schools in the CB 12 catchment area. This is important to us so that we can now assign a Committee Member to each school, so that they can be in touch with each Principal, in an effort to see the progress they are making or to catch any problem before it balloons into a crisis, and then be able to report to the community at large.

Land Use Committee: Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson
Michio Sanga, Applicant for application 273-15-BZ 110-43 160th St, (110-43 160 Street, Block #12164, Lot # 4) and 274-15-BZ (144-29 South Road, Block #10045, Lot # 18). Application requests a side yard variance to build a two story two family structure on properties that do not have the required land lot size.

Recommendation: Land Use committee does not approve of the request for a side yard

variance for both Application #274-15-BZ & Application 273-15-BZ. We feel the quality of life for the neighbors would be severely negatively impacted.

*Committee reports were read in in full and provided in member's folders.

VIII. VOTE ON BSA APPLICATIONS

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Land Use Committee Re: application #273-15-BZ made by Patrick Evans, seconded by Celeste James, the motion passed.

Voting Results: Unanimous Consent

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Land Use Committee Re: application #274-15-BZ made by Michele Keller, seconded by Calvin Hewitt, the motion passed.

Voting Results: Unanimous Consent

Motion to end the Business Session was made by Celeste James, seconded by Calvin Hewitt

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.