



Community Board 12

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS
WEDNESDAY, November 15, 2017

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

- I. PRESIDING: Edward McKay, 1st Vice Chairperson
- II. PRESENT: Maxine Allen
Melvin Artis
Nigel Barker
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
David Bucknor
Kenneth Carter
Manuel Caughman
Alexandra Dyer
Daniel Englander
Patrick Evans
Mabel Everett
Joan Flowers
Nadi Ghaness
Glenn Greenidge
Dora Grizsel
Ian Harris
Rene Cheatham-Hill
Richard Hogan
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Audrey Lee Jacobs
Celeste James
Clementine James
Bilal Karriem
Michele Keller
Margaret Kirkland
Michelle Kirkland

Edward McKay
Tunisia Morrison
Kemar Newman
Rodney Pride
Kamal Saleem
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
Yvette Sledge
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Benjamin Wright, Jr., Treasurer
ABSENT: Jacqueline Boyce
Brittany Chambers
Mary A. Childs
Barbara Duncan
Thomas Greenaway
James Heyliger
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson
Gregory Mays
Luc Art Severe
Toni Totten
Bryan White

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Announcements were read by Rene Cheatham-Hill, Secretary

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

As you know our previous Chairperson, Ms. Adrienne Adams, moved up to another level in the City, City Council. Because of this movement, Reverend McKay took the reign as 1st Vice Chairperson of CB 12. He started out as Education Committee Chairperson, then 3rd Vice Chair, then on to the 2nd Vice Chair, and became the 1st Vice Chair. He takes pride in his community and what he does. Reverend McKay's objective is to get community united on one accord.

V. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Department of Sanitation New York (DSNY) Borough Snow Plans 2017-2018: Each year in October DSNY seeks individuals interested in registering as temporary snow laborers during major snow events via its website and through the media, and by providing information through 311 upon request. Persons interested in becoming a temporary snow laborer can register at any local district garage between the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rate of pay begins at \$15.00 per hour and increases to \$22.50 per hour after completing the first 40 hours in a given week. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, eligible to work in the United States, and capable of performing heavy physical labor. All applicants must bring two small passport sized photos, and originals and copies of two forms of identification together with their social security card at the time of registration.

Night plow season is a specified period of time during the snow season where DSNY increases staffing of personnel on night shifts to ensure sufficient personnel are available to address weather related issues. The Night Plow season begins each year in mid-November, and ends the first Monday in April. During this time period, personnel

are scheduled for regular cleaning and collection functions on their shifts (0001 hrs. to 0800 hrs., 0600 hrs. to 1400 hrs., and 1600 hrs. to 2400 hrs.)

Inventory of available Snow Management Equipment for Community Board 12

<u>Large Spreader</u>	<u>Utility Haulster</u>	<u>Plowable Trucks</u>	<u>Font End Loaders</u>
17	5	67	5
<u>Plow Blades Assigned</u>	<u>V-Plows Assigned</u>	<u>Skid Steers</u>	
91	15	2	

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

Elected Officials and their Representatives were acknowledged by the 1st Vice Chairperson.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Kenneth Robinson, ACS, Children's Services Office Counsel; a part of the division of Administration for Children's Services. Representative for all three ULURP Applications #C150255 PQQ located at 123-10 143rd Street (Block #12039, Lot #44) for continued use as a child care center and senior center, #C150381 PPQ located at 110-15 164th Place (Block #10193, Lot 1) for continued use as a child care center, and #C150329 PPQ located at 143-04 101st Avenue (Block #10021, Lot 1) for continued use as a child care center.

This facility has been a childcare facility since the early 1970s; asking that a new lease be approved to continue as a childcare center and senior center. This facility is for dual eligible parents; which means the income level of parents have to be over 200% of the federal poverty level and the parent must be working or enrolled in school. In the matter of Application submitted by and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the acquisition of property.

Motion to open business section made by Bilal Karriem, seconded by Glenn Greenidge

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

Rene Cheatham-Hill, Secretary, 35 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced

- I. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion to adopt the October 18, 2017 minutes was made by Bilal Karriem, seconded by Glenn Greenidge, the motion passed. Changes made to Kemar Newman who was in attendance on Oct 18th.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block United Committee: Represented by Rev. Edward McKay, Chairperson

Land Use Committee: Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson

Application #C150255 PQQ submitted by Administration for Children's Services and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the City of New York Charter, for the acquisition of property located at 123-10 143rd Street (Block #12039, Lot#44) for continued use as a child care center and senior center.

Recommendation: Land Use committee recommends the approval of the application.

Application #C150381 PQQ submitted by Administration for Children's Services and

the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the City of New York Charter, for the acquisition of property located at 110-15 164th Place (Block #10193, Lot#1) for continued use as a child care center.

Recommendation: Land Use committee recommends the approval of the application.

Application #C150329 PQQ submitted by Administration for Children's Services and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the City of New York Charter, for the acquisition of property located at 143-04 101st Avenue (Block #10021, Lot#1) for continued use as a child care center.

Recommendation: Land Use committee recommends the approval of the application.

Transportation Committee: Represented by Michele Keller, Chairperson

Mr. London, Office of Emergency Management, led the presentation on Storm Evacuation Routes explaining in past years pre-Hurricane Sandy there were nineteen (19) signed routes citywide. These signs were implemented as part of 2007 Coastal Storm Plan. They were intended to direct drivers to specific Evacuation Centers with available parking. Since Hurricane Sandy, he stated that OEM determined that the following were disadvantages of previous program:

1. Routing strategy is a "southern" model that is not well suited to a dense urban grid.
2. Few signs within zones - public awareness benefit is minimal
3. Existing routes may put people in more danger. Some routes are likely to flood as the storm makes landfall.
4. Signage is inconsistent with the City's evacuation messaging and operations.

Mr. London further explained that problems with public messaging occurs when changes in logistics exists. The two Evacuation Centers in Community Board 12 are located at Hillcrest High School and IS 268.

OEM current program objectives are:

1. Provide active direction along the shortest route to higher ground.
2. Increase year around awareness of hurricane risk and the best path to safety for communities within evacuation zones.
3. Provide direction that is useful to both people evacuating in a timely manner and those evacuating at the last minute.

In Practice OEM has decided to increase the amount of signage with evacuation zones. These areas are Rosedale and Far Rockaway. Signage will be placed on streets leading out of zones and a concentration of the signs, are to be placed on high traffic streets.

Nominating Committee: Represented by Yvette Sledge, Chairperson

The Special Election for Chairperson is supposed to be held this evening, I drafted a letter on November 8, 2017; the day after the outgoing Chair officially resigned; stating who was eligible to run for the position. Based on the By-Laws and based on the vote that was taken at the Executive Board meeting to follow the By-Laws.

Spoke with Boro Hall prior to this evening's meeting, but received quite a few telephone calls today and was instructed that the Board cannot vote according to the By-Laws, as the Board interprets the By-Laws. According to Boro Hall, votes are to be based on the way Boro Hall interprets our By-Laws; even though the Executive Board voted on it. I

cannot in good conscious go forward with this election process tonight; Boro Hall is here and can explain further.

The letter received from Boro Hall today stated: Dear All, as of this writing the Counsel is advising that you proceed with tonight's election unless we hear to the contrary from the law department before 7:00 p.m. Note: your By-Laws are interpreted and you cannot choose to ignore it, you have no choice but to honor the legality of the By-Laws. At this moment the only point of clarification is that tonight's attendance counts towards eligibility to make 70%.(MISSING PORTION OF LETTER RE: REV MCKAY) Tonight's election is about following the rules, adhering to a democratic process, and offering a fair chance to all who is eligible under the legal interpretation of your By-Laws. No assistance from Boro Hall in the beginning. Exec Board unanimously voted at Exec Board meeting to follow CB12 bylaws, and the CB12 interpretation requires 70% attendance PRIOR to our election day, not the day of election.

Shurn Anderson, Boro Hall

Ms. Hill and I spoke with Counsel at Boro Hall, the Counsel reviewed the By-Laws and called Corporation Counsel; and it was determined that based on the interpretation of the By-laws that the Community Board must consider and include tonight's meeting attendance to determine who is eligible. If someone had 60% and needed tonight's meeting in order to qualify it could be done. These are individuals that oversee Community Boards for the entire Borough of Queens.

Queens CB12 Board Members

Each community board has its own unique bylaws. It was Boro Hall's interpretation of Queens CB12 bylaws and their opinion was considered. Based on all previous elections, and the majority of CB12 Members, a vote on our bylaw interpretation was taken at the November general meeting. A quorum of the CB12 board members agreed that the Chairperson election should continue as it has in the past, and as the Executive Board voted on at their November Executive Board meeting, with the qualifying attendance cutoff as of Oct 31, 2017, which was the month with the last full meeting prior to the election.

Outcome of the CB12 Chairperson position is as follows:

No Vote: 2

Absences: 12

Allen: 4

Keller: 6

Flowers: 9

Hill: 14

Swearing in of the new CB12 Chairperson, Ms. Rene Cheatham-Hill, will be at the December 2017 meeting.

VIII. VOTE ON ULURP/BSA APPLICATIONS

Re: Application #C150255 PQQ

Voting Results: 35 Approvals; 0 Opposition

Re: Application #C150381 PPQ

Voting Results: 35 Approvals; 0 Opposition

Re: Application #C150329 PPQ

Voting Results: 35 Approvals; 0 Opposition

An Abstention vote counts as a no vote.

made the motion to conclude the Business Session.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Nathaniel Hezekiah, Congressman Meeks Office: At this moment there are two enrollments programs going on. First, is the Medicare Open Enrollment which began October 15, 2017 and will continue until December 7, 2017. Now is the time for seniors with Medicare to begin to look into their coverage and determine whether their coverage should continue as is or should be changed.

Congressman Meeks' office communicates with the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. I spoke with their office a couple of weeks ago, and one thing that was communicated to him, is that people are not taking advantage of the preventive services that are offered for free in the community. There are 16 preventive services that are offered by Medicare that are covered for free. This includes screens on cardiovascular disease, depression, diabetes screening, bone mass measurements, abdominal aneurism cardiovascular diseases, nutrition, therapy services, prostate cancer screening, pneumococcal shots and a yearly wellness list.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.