



**Community Board 12**  
**The City of New York**  
**Borough of Queens**

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**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017**

**MINUTES**

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

- I. **PRESIDING:** Edward McKay, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson
- II. **PRESENT:** Maxine Allen  
Melvin Artis  
Nigel Barker  
Jacqueline Boyce  
Geraldine Taylor-Brown  
David Bucknor  
Kenneth Carter  
Manuel Caughman  
Brittany Chambers  
Barbara Duncan  
Alexandra Dyer  
Daniel Englander  
Patrick Evans  
Mabel Everett  
Joan Flowers  
Glenn Greenidge  
Dora Grizzel  
Ian Harris  
Calvin Hewitt  
Rene Cheatham-Hill  
Richard Hogan  
Khondokar Tarikul Islam  
Audrey Lee Jacobs  
Clementine James  
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson

Bilal Karriem  
Michele Keller  
Michelle Kirkland  
Gregory Mays  
Edward McKay  
Rodney Pride  
Kamal Saleem  
Luc Art Severe  
Florence Simmons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Yvette Sledge  
C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Toni Totten  
Bryan White  
Benjamin Wright, Jr., Treasurer  
Adrienne E. Adams, Chairperson  
Mary A. Childs  
Nadi Ghaness  
Thomas Greenaway  
James Heyliger  
Celeste James  
Margaret Kirkland  
Tunisia Morrison  
Maurice Muir  
Kemar Newman

ABSENT:

III. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Announcements were read by Rene Cheatham-Hill, Secretary

IV. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON** - (Not in attendance). Rev. McKay, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Presided at the October 18, 2017 General Board Meeting.

He is the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair of Community Board 12, and, tonight he is here in absence of Chairperson Adams. Ms. Adams had to attend another meeting tonight, and he is honored to stand before everyone in her absence.

Happy to see there is a great turn out tonight representing Hollis, St. Albans, Springfield Gardens, Jamaica, and Addisleigh Park.

Chairperson Adams ran for the position of Council person for the 28<sup>th</sup> C.D. of Queens, she overcame the hurdles and won the primary for that district. Her next run will be the general election; which will take place on November 7, 2017. We wish her well.

At the next General Board Meeting held on November 15, 2017 an election process will take place where the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Ms. Yvette Sledge will outline for you the procedures and the process that is needed to move this election forward.

V. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

In Community Board 12 District we continue to be in the double digits regarding foreclosure for first-time home owners in Queens is up 27% since last year. Last year, 227 homes were scheduled for auction during the third quarter of 2016. This year 288 properties were scheduled for auction, more than any other borough. The area codes are 11434 and 11412.

**Project HWQ 121B3:**

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
113 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Sutphin Boulevard	155 <sup>th</sup> Street
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153 <sup>rd</sup> Street	112 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	DE N/O 109 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
155 <sup>th</sup> Street	Linden Boulevard	114 <sup>th</sup> Road
115 <sup>th</sup> Road	157 <sup>th</sup> Street	Bedell Street
116 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	157 <sup>th</sup> Street	Bedell Street
Meyer Avenue	157 <sup>th</sup> Street	Bedell Street
158 <sup>th</sup> Street	116 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	DE N/O 109 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
159 <sup>th</sup> Street	116 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	111 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Bedell Street	116 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Meyer Avenue

This project will include the reconstruction of the roadway, sidewalk, curb, street lighting, and installation of new storm sewer, water mains and upgrades to traffic signals. This project is scheduled for fiscal year (FY 2019).

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

***Acknowledgements of Elected Officials and their Representatives was made by the Chairperson***

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. This is an Application 1063-27-BZ for the sight at 133-40 150<sup>th</sup> Street A/K/A 149-13 North Conduit Avenue, Corner of North Conduit Avenue and 150<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 12116, Lot 1). The Applicant pursuant to Section 11-41 would like to reopen and amend a prior BSA grant under Calendar Number 1063-27-BZ in order to permit a legalization of changes to signage and site layout that is contrary to previously approved plans, R3A zoning district.
2. This is Application 2017-235-BZ submitted by Snyder and Snyder LLP on behalf of T-Mobile Northeast LLC, 111-02 Sutphin Boulevard, on southwest corner of 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Sutphin Boulevard, (Block #11965, Lot #188). The Application is for a non-accessory radio tower to be installed on the rooftop of the existing building at the subject property to provide wireless telecommunications services.

**PRESENTATION**

C.O. Jerry O'Sullivan, Deputy Inspector, 113<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct. Newly assigned to the precinct approximately 3 weeks ago from the Bronx. Have over 25 years with the police department, spent most of that time with departments in Manhattan and the Bronx. Prior to being here he was the C.O. in the housing bureau in the South Bronx covering the 40<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Precinct. Queens is new to him, but he is very excited to be here. Wherever he has been, he has taken his job very seriously whether crime is up or down. It is important for him to attend a meeting such as the Board Meeting to introduce himself, to listen to the concerns of the community , and to work on them. If anyone

has any issues or problematic locations please contact the precinct; and he will try his best to address them.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Bishop Charles Norris: There is an article in the NY Daily News that spoke about purchasing Guns; "All we need to do to fill out a gun license application and get background checks, law makers would then pass stricter gun laws quicker.

Ms. Parnell, Principal, August Martin H.S.: Her goal in taking on the position as Principal As the school is to give this community back the school that they so much deserve. She stands here with humility and honor to represent the people that stand behind her.

When she took the principal ship two years ago the graduation rate at August Martin H.S. was 23.7%; 26 months later with 64% graduation rate. The scholarship data two years ago was 63.2%; to date they are at 86.7%. Two years ago the regions overall completion rate and exam was 16.7%; they are now at 44.7%. August Martin H.S. was known for their Aviation Program; the school's Aviation Program, as well as the Culinary Arts Program, are now alive and running.

Motion to open business section made by Kemar Newman, seconded by Calvin Hewitt

## **VI. BUSINESS SESSION**

Rene Cheatham-Hill, Secretary, 39 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced

I. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion to adopt the September 20, 2017 minutes was made by Bilal Karriem, seconded by Thomas White, Jr., the motion passed.

### **II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Blocks United Committee:** Represented by Rev. McKay, Chairperson

The committee is in the midst of removing of Illegal Signs; the Police & Sanitation Departments are involved in pulling down signs. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, the team of volunteers & 113 Precinct NCO's, coordinate & go out into the community to targeted blocks/locations to pull down /remove illegal posted advertising signs. The Police Officers are building relationships with the young men from FAITH (Fathers Alive in the Hood) working together to remove the illegal signs. Asked P.O. Wilchez & Renee Reddick, Illegal Sign Removal Coordinator to update & inform about recent sign removal efforts.

**Land Use Committee:** Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson

In the matter of Application # 1063-27-BZ submitted by Erik Palatnik, PC 133-4-150<sup>th</sup> St A/K/A 149-13 North Conduit Avenue, Corner of North Conduit Avenue and 150<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 12116, Lot 1). The Applicant pursuant to Section 11-41 to reopen and amend a prior BSA grant under Calendar Number 1063-27-BZ in order to permit a legalization of changes to signage and site layout that is contrary to previously approved plans, R3A zoning district.

**Recommendation:** Land Use committee recommends the approval of the application conditional to the following additions being implemented:

- The two storage units are enclosed with a fence at the back of the property line.
- A row of trees be planted to obstruct the noise and light from the neighboring residential properties.
- A row of shrubs be replanted along the Conduit property line.

In the matter of Applicant 2017-235-BZ submitted by Snyder and Snyder LLP on behalf of T-Mobile Northeast LLC, 111-02 Sutphin Boulevard, on southwest corner of 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sutphin Boulevard, (Block #11965, Lot #1880). The Applicant is for a non-accessory radio Tower to be installed on the rooftop of the existing building (Pizza Hut) at the subject property to provide wireless telecommunications services.

**Recommendation:** Land Use committee does NOT recommend the building of this tower. We commend T-Mobile for wanting to provide additional services to our community; however, we feel the design would compromise the beauty of our neighborhood.

**Economic Committee:** Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson

We discussed the joint venture formed to develop a mixed-income housing property in Jamaica, Queens. The Greater Jamaica Development Corp. selected BRP and Wharton Properties to build a 300-unit project at 90-02 168th St., currently a parking lot north of Jamaica Avenue. The buildings will total 500K SF, including 70K SF of retail, and are scheduled to break ground in the second half of 2018.

The upcoming Economic Development Summit has been moved to December so that we can support the MWBE outreach for the LaGuardia upgrade planned for November 15 at York College Faculty Dining Room 2D01 from 9:30 -11:30 am. Owen Shakespeare has been reaching out to different restaurants to invite them to Southeast Queens.

We talked about Amazon looking for location for their Headquarters, understand the Dairy Factory owner is looking into putting a BID in for their property. NYEDC is supporting the process of finding a NYC location for the Amazon headquarters.

**Transportation Committee:** Represented by Michele Keller, Chairperson

NYC DOT Queens Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia and NYS DOT were in attendance. NYS DOT gave a power point presentation detailing the current conditions that exist on the Van Wyck Expressway and their future plans to ameliorate traffic congestion. The Van Wyck Expressway (VWE) is the major transportation corridor providing access to and from John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport. JFK Airport currently handles approximately 59 million passengers annually and the number of passengers are expected to increase over 75 million by year 2030.

NYC DOT, QBC, Nicole Garcia conversed with committee members about a myriad of traffic issues. Targeted locations were specified and submitted to Commissioner Garcia for consideration. Some of the requests were turn signal devices, one way conversion, speed bumps installation of signs relating to trucks, and daylighting.

**Education Committee:** Represented by Joan Flowers, Chairperson

The Chair reported on her attendance at the Town Hall Meeting held by Mayor DiBlasio at August Martin High School on Monday, October 16, 2017. Mayor DiBlasio made the following announcements regarding education: \$1.7 million was appropriated by his office for the state of the art library at AMHS. The library is very close to completion. As you recall, this committee fought alongside the Principals at August Martin to make sure this library was put in place. He stated that starting in School year 2018, all junior high school students will be eligible for free after school programs. Starting in school year 2018 in School District 27, there will be free 3K for all children. The pre-K program has been a huge success in our area.

The meeting continued with plans for the committee for the rest of the year. Our next meeting will be on November 15, 2017. I invite you to attend the meetings so that the education process will become more familiar.

**Nominating Committee:** Represented by Yvette Sledge, Chairperson  
Members of the Nominating Committee are Bilal Karriem, Renee Hill, and Yvette Sledge.

The By-Laws Article VI states that the term of officer shall be for a two-year term alternating positions as follows: 1st Vice Chairperson, 3rd Vice Chairperson and Treasurer shall be elected in odd years. Qualifications: To be eligible for any office of the board, a member must first have been appointed by the President of the Boro of Queens, a member must have served at least 1 year on the community board prior to running for elected office, a member must be present at community board meetings at least 70% of the time.

The Community Board keeps records of our attendance two years from the calendar year (January through December); in the By-Laws it states that you have to be on the board at least 1 year prior to the election. The Nominating Committee looks at the year prior to the election; since the election is in December the committee will be looking from November backwards to see who qualifies to be nominated for an executive position in December.

The timeline for the election process is October, you can submit letters of intent for the officer you are interested in; letters will only be accepted in October (October 31, 2017 @ 11:59 p.m. is the cut off). In November, interviews are set up and the committee speaks with the candidates. The election is conducted in December by ballot at the December General Membership meeting. All Board members must be in attendance to vote; installation of the members will follow immediately after the elections. When letters of intent are submitted they should include a short paragraph about what you have done in the community and why you think you would be the best candidate for the position. The committee will be able to let the candidates know at the November 15, 2017 General Meeting if they qualify to run for elected office.

#### **VII. VOTE ON BSA APPLICATIONS**

**Re: Application 1063-27-BZ**

Voting Results: 30 Approvals; 5 Opposition; 2 Abstentions

**Re: Application 2017-235-BZ**

Voting Results: 0 Approvals; 35 Opposition; 2 Abstentions

Motion to conclude business section made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **9:00 p.m.**