



Community Board 12

The City of New York

Borough of Queens

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COMMUNITY BOARD 12, QUEENS

October 16, 2019

MINUTES

General meeting of Community Board 12 was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

- PRESIDING: Rene Hill, Chairperson
- PRESENT: Mohammed Ali
Melvin Artis, Parliamentarian
Kenneth Carter
Manuel Caughman
Clifton Stanley Diaz
Mabel Everett
Marcia Francis
Glenn Greenidge
Dora Griszell
Vishal Hardowar
Nurul Haque
Rene Hill, Chairperson
Khondokar Tarikul Islam
Audrey Lee Jacobs
Celeste James
Clementine James
Aiysha Jaggassar-Johnson, Executive Secretary
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Bilal Karriem
Michelle Kirkland
Rev. Bernadette Logan
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Rev. Edward McKay
Shah Nawaz
Kamal Saleem
Florence Simmons, 3rd Vice Chairperson
Rev. C. Princess Thorbs McGee, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Toni Totten
Benjamin Wright, Jr.
ABSENT: Maxine Allen
Yasinul Ashraf
Jacqueline Boyce
Geraldine Taylor-Brown
Brittany Chambers
Barbara Duncan
Nadi Ghaness, Treasurer
Ian Harris
James Heyliger
Richard Hogan
Derek Irby
Michele Keller
Wanda Manley
Jean Phelps
Rodney Pride
Yvette Sledge
Bryan White

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Announcements were read by Rene Hill, Chairperson

II. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- Cautioned everyone to be careful with the information they report because the meeting might be live on Facebook.
- Anyone wishing to run for 1st Vice Chair or any other position, must submit their Letter of Intent by October 31, 2019; you must have no more than three absences for the year to run for a position.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

- We are the second largest Community Board in the City (Population). In FY2018 in Community Board 12, a total of 1027 new foreclosures were filed according to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). If you know of anyone in foreclosure you may refer them to (NHS) Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica (718-291-7400), and Queens Legal (347-592-2200).
- Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a citywide flashflood preparedness plan which has been in effect since FY2015. Based on flooding complaints reported to 311, they identify chronic locations, and field operations personnel inspect those chronic areas.

*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 Chairperson.

Commanding Officer: Inspector Jerry O'Sullivan, 113th Precinct

- If there are any issues that need addressing, please email the Inspector directly.
- There has been one shooting since the summer months, the shooting occurred on Foch Blvd. and Guy Brewer Blvd. over by the skylight. The Precinct has received numerous complaints regarding the skylight on Guy R. Brewer from the community asking that it be removed, I believe that would be a mistake.
- The 113th Precinct has been addressing the truck issue in the community.
- If there is an issue on your block whether it is a problematic house or vehicle, please take a picture of it and email it to the Inspector.

Queensborough Parks Commissioner Michael Dockett

- He has been the Parks Commissioner for about 6 1/2 months; but has been at NYC Parks Department for 34 years. Started as Parks Ranger in 1984; the last 13 years he has been in charge of Parks Enforcement Patrol; and on March 4, 2019 he became the Queensborough Parks Commissioner.
- For the last six months he has been focusing on three areas; 1) community engagement – getting out to meet the Elected Officials, Civic Groups, Individuals volunteering in the parks, etc.; there are 525 full time employees that work for Queens. The second area is Capital projects, there are 250 active projects going on in Queens at this time. These projects include sprucing up the local parks, basketball courts, amenities, pave surfaces, etc. The third area is operations – keeping the parks clean.
- Kevin Sealy is the Regional Manager, any problems on the operation end is his job to handle. Kathy Parham is the Local Manager

PRESENTATION

Peter _____ NYC Parks Department

- Jamaica Playground, funded by Mayor DeBlasio's office for \$4.65 million; the goal of this particular project is to update the playground with new play equipment, and to provide a spray shower. The playground is surrounded by residential in a (MS4 Area), the city regulation that deals with drainage and it has to be dealt with as part of the design. The playground itself is out dated; the site has one entrance on Brinkerhoff Ave and there is no lighting on the side. The main entrance is on the corner of Brinkerhoff Ave and Union Hall Street and it leads directly into a seating area.
- Lee Ann Beauchamp, NYC Parks spoke about the design for the Nautilus Playground project – located on Merrick Boulevard and Baisley Boulevard, they have \$4.8 million to provide a variety of play equipment for children of all ages; spray shower, adult fitness equipment, and seating areas. The entrance to the park will be enhanced, and the comfort station accessible. They are in the MS4 Zone, to the north you have the park and the other side is commercial development and beyond that is residential development. It is a large space but there are only 4 pieces of play equipment and two sets of swings, the trees are in very small pits, the spray shower is small and not accessible.
- The Reconstruction of the Baisley Pond Park Track and Field (Q005), located between 150th St. and Baisley Ave., at 133rd Ave in the Borough of Queens; the total budget is \$9,850,00 Mayoral funding. The Community has asked for an upgrade of the track and field because of the poor conditions. This is an MS4 area because Parks has to also work on the drainage. The natural turf field will be upgraded to a synthetic turf field; the track will be repaving both the track with running surface as well as the paths around the track.

IV. **BUSINESS SESSION**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Rene Hill, Chairperson, 28 members present at roll call; quorum pronounced.

III **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Safety Committee: Represented by Clifton Stanley Diaz, Chairperson

- NA Representative from Legal Hand gave an excellent presentation.
- The Committee would like both the 113th and 103rd Commanders to attend the meeting to address community concerns.
- The next Public Safety meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 in the Club Lounge of the Rochdale Village Community; the CRV will be in attendance, hopefully the Community Leaders will also be in attendance.

Economic Development Committee: Represented by Glenn Greenidge, Chairperson

- New Development Update: 148-18 Hillside Ave - 80 apartments
148-36 89th Ave - 27 apartments
153-10 89th Ave 17 apartments
92-32 Union Hall St corner of Archer Ave Hotel 110 rooms / retail 1st floor
165-20 Archer Ave - 206 rooms Hotel
159-29 90th Ave first Reform Church 121 apartments
The Committee is concerned about the infrastructure ramification especially Schools & Sewers systems.
- SBS Launches Black Entrepreneurship Initiative "BE NYC" To Help More Black-Owned Businesses Start and Grow; nyc.gov/benyc be sure to provide them feedback.
- Queens EOC center on Archer Ave off Parson Blvd is having a presentation on SBA 504 Loan which can be used for purchasing a Commercial Building or Heavy Equipment 90% financing / 10% down payment from borrower Dec 5th 6-8 PM.

Good & Welfare Committee: Represented by Celeste James, Chairperson

- Last year everyone had a great time at the Holiday gathering; thanked everyone for their Donations. It is collection again, the Board only meets one more time before the December gathering, where we will be doing our elections and a time of fellowship.
- Early voting begins for the very first time this year.

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