

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

*April 4, 2016*

*Middle School 158*

*46-35 Oceania Street*

*Bayside, NY 11361*

*Christine L. Haider - Chair*

*Susan Seinfeld – District Manager*

*Board Members Present:*

Basom, Edith	Fierro-Gladwin, Sonya	Jethwani, Mohan	Petallides, Chris
Bind, Lana	Fried, Jack	Jin, Stanley	Pivawer, Stephen
Cerezo, Susan	Gafar, Alim	Karahalis, George	Scherer, Christina
Cheung, Irene	Galatan, Albert	Liatto, Robert	Sin, Jessica
Claro, Ocelia	Garippa, Joan	McEneaney, Janet	Sollano, Joseph
DiBenedetto, Paul	Giusetti Roy	Mihaltses, George	Sriram, Jyothi
Donahue, Mary	Gresser, Lawrence	Miller, Eileen	Yagudaev, Alex
Euler, Henry	Haider, Christine	Montgomery, Douglas	
Ferazzoli, Mario	James, Laura	Palzer, Allan	

*Board Members Absent:*

Sila Asa	Halili, Zion	Lee, Linda	Pivawer, Stephen
Haber, Bernard	Koutsouradis, Anthony	Newman, Steven	Shehas, John

*CB11 Staff Present:*

Susan Seinfeld, District Manager	Christina Coutinho, Community Associate
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*111<sup>th</sup> Precinct Present:*

Capt. McBride, Commanding Officer	P.O. John Erdman
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*City Agencies Present:*

Christina Farrell, Deputy Commissioner, NYCOEM	
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*Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:*

Casey Lajszky	Representing Assembly Member David Weprin
Jessica Douglas	Representing the Mayor’s Community Assistance Unit
Elaine Fan	Representing NYC Comptroller’s Office
Anne Marie Boranian	Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz
Spencer Nelson	Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik
Seth Urbinder	Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein
Kate Boehm	Representing Council Member Paul Vallone
Jeffery Frediani	Representing Senator Tony Avella

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Chair, Christine Haider.

The Chair led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Captain McBride gave an update on the year-to-date crime statistics for the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Wendy Phaff from Queens Centers for Progress said that on April 16<sup>th</sup> they will be sponsoring Footsteps for Progress, a 5-mile walk to help benefit individuals with developmental disabilities. Also, on April, 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am, Queens Distance Runners are hosting a marathon starting at Flushing Meadows-Corona

Park. She said that runners and volunteers are needed for the event. Lastly, Ms. Phaff discussed Achilles International, a new Chapter in Queens, to help enable people with all types of disabilities to participate in mainstream athletics.

Matt Symons, NYC Dept. of Parks Administrator for North East Queens, gave a summary on various capital projects taking place in the District. Mr. Symons stated that a portion of the Joe Michael's Mile from Northern Blvd. to the Bayside Marina will be reconstructed and is currently in the design phase. Also, timber-rail fencing and benches will be installed at the Joseph Hellman Overlook on Douglaston Parkway.

Jeff Frediani, representing the Office of Senator Avella, stated that the Senator is trying to reinstate a Cease and Desist Zone for Queens County. This would allow homeowners to opt out of receiving unwanted real estate solicitations. The Dept. of State has scheduled a public hearing on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Bayside High School at 6:00 pm. He urged residents to attend the meeting and bring any evidence of unwanted solicitations.

Jessica Douglas, representing the Office of the Mayor, discussed several initiations that are being launched by various City agencies to help City residents.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Christina Farrell, Deputy Commissioner NYC Office of Emergency Management, gave a presentation on how OEM works with City, State and Federal agencies to help coordinate, plan and prepare for emergencies in the five Boroughs. Ms. Farrell discussed Notify NYC which is free information from the City's official emergency notification system that will be sent directly to your email, phone, text or instant messenger.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Henry Euler. The minutes were accepted as written.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Christine Haider made the following announcements:

Mrs. Haider introduced newly-appointed Board Members Irene Cheung, Albert Galatan and Stanley Jin.

Reappointment letters have been mailed by the Borough President's Office and should be received in the next day or two.

Mrs. Haider stated that Mel Meer was not reappointed to the Board. The members questioned the Chair and requested information from the Borough President's office as to why Mr. Meer was not reappointed.

The office has received three applications from the Board of Standards and Appeals that will be on the May meeting agenda.

The 111<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct Council meeting is on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Udalls Cove Preservation Committee is hosting a clean-up event on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Presidential primary is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Haider made the following announcements on behalf of the Borough President:

There is a newly-opened satellite office at Borough Hall for the Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs.

National Library Week will start April 14th. The Queens Library will be doing a full-week tour of the Borough with its mobile library. The mobile library will be in front of Borough Hall.

A star-studded concert will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Lefrak Concert Hall to honor David Katz. Tickets are free but RSVP is required by calling 718-793-8080. Borough President Melinda Katz is scheduled to sing two songs during this performance.

### **BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Douglas Montgomery stated that on May 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be an electronic waste recycling event at St. Anastasia's parking lot. The Little Neck Douglaston Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

Eileen Miller stated that the Bayside Hills Civic Association will have their first annual Mall Clean Up event on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Janet McEneaney stated that the aviation roundtable that began almost three years ago is in danger of never coming to fruition. She asked the Board to write a letter to the Executive Director of the Port Authority requesting what was promised in creating a roundtable. The Board agreed to her request. Ms. McEneaney also discussed a dwelling in the vicinity of 202 Street and 32 Avenue that houses several students that attend the local school. She said that students that reside in the District are being turned away from local schools because of overcrowding. Ms. McEneaney asked the Board to look into this matter.

Joe Sollano spoke regarding a memo that the members received regarding committee meeting attendance. He asked if an appointment was necessary to visit an application site. Mrs. Haider said that she has visited several sites unannounced and that visiting the site prior to a meeting helps members to become familiar with the application.

Mrs. Haider spoke regarding the importance of members attending committee/zoning meetings and that attendance is reviewed by the Borough President.

Mary Donahue stated that she has written to Con Ed regarding the redesign of manhole covers. She stated that the new design acts more like a catch basin and could cause power outages due to flooding and is a breeding area for mosquitoes. She was advised by a Con Ed representative that the new design is being reviewed for improvement. Mrs. Donahue said that the representative may speak at the June meeting.

Henry Euler said that over the past month there have been several accidents at the intersection of 46 Avenue and 192 Street. Mr. Euler stated that the Auburndale Improvement Association will be forwarding a letter to the DOT requesting that a traffic study be conducted at this location.

Paul DiBenedetto spoke regarding events at the Bayside Historical Society. He announced the new members of the BHS. Mr. DiBenedetto said that there is currently a job opening for an executive director position at the BHS.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Little Neck Zoning and Health** – Joan Garippa and Allan Palzer, Co-Chairs, stated that Northwell Health Core Laboratory and New York City Health and Hospitals will construct a structure at 59-25 Little Neck Parkway to operate a laboratory to test blood and specimens. Joan Garippa reviewed the committee report of March 21, 2016. A representative from Northwell Health met with the committee and discussed the plans for the building. Since then, plans have been revised due to budget constraints. There will be no patients visiting this site. The land on which the building is being erected is situated in an M1-1 (manufacturing zoning district) and is being built as-of-right. This property will be leased on a long-term basis from Steel Tribune, LLC. A lengthy discussion ensued with members inquiring about finances to build such a large facility, vehicles entering the site and various hazards of having a laboratory in the vicinity of a residential area. The local civic was informed of construction and there has been no response from residents or the local civic. Mrs. Garippa stated that the Samuel Field Y had concerns regarding the increase in the flow of traffic to the area. There will be a follow-up meeting in June to include traffic statistics.

Joan Garippa, Aviation Committee Chair, stated that she attended the last Aviation Roundtable meeting. She said that there were disagreements between the participants. She also said that she supported Janet McEneaney's comments regarding the roundtable.

**Environmental** – Henry Euler and Paul DiBenedetto, Co-Chairs reviewed the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting report. Mr. Euler summarized the committee meeting. Some topics discussed were the ban of the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in NYC, the Alley Creek Long Term Control Plan and DEP's plan to control the impacts of combined sewer overflow. Also, discussed was City Council Intro. 446, which would ban the discharge, disposal, sale, or use, within the City of New York, of wastewater or natural gas waste produced from the process of fracking. Mr. DiBenedetto read the proposed drafted resolution to support Intro. 446. A question and answer period followed. A motion was made to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mario Ferazzoli. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 30 in favor and one present. (In-favor- Basom, Bind, Cerezo, Cheung, Claro, DiBenedetto, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fierro-Gladwin, Gafar, Galatan, Garippa, Giusetti, Gresser, Haider, James, Jin, Karahalis, Liatto, McEneaney, Mihaltses, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Petallides, Scherer, Sollano, Sriram, Yagudaev – Present – Jethwani) The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.