

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: December 1, 2014

PLACE: M.S. 158
46-35 OCEANIA ST.
BAYSIDE, NY 11361

ATTENDANCE:

Christine L. Haider, Chair	Present	George Karahalios	Present
Sila Asa	Absent	Gordon Keit	Present
Daniel Baek	Present	Incha Kim	Absent
Edith Basom	Present	Anthony Koutsouradis	Absent
Steven Behar	Absent	Linda Lee	Present
Lana Bind	Absent	Robert Liatto	Present
Susan Cerezo	Present	Janet McEneaney	Present
Ocelia Claro	Present	Melvyn Meer	Absent
Paul DiBenedetto	Absent	George Mihaltses	Absent
Henry Euler	Present	Eileen Miller	Present
Mario Ferazzoli	Present	Douglas Montgomery	Present
JoAnn Ferrari	Present	Steven Newman	Present
Sonya Fierro-Gladwin	Present	Allan Palzer	Present
Lee Fiorino	Absent	Chris Petallides	Present
Jack Fried	Present	Stephen Pivawer	Present
Alim Gafar	Present	Andrew Rothman	Present
Joan Garippa	Present	Christina Scherer	Present
Roy Giusetti	Present	Gary Sekdorian	Present
Lawrence Gresser	Present	Frank Skala	Present
Bernard Haber	Absent	Joseph Sollano	Present
Zion Halili	Present	Jyothi Sriram	Present
Jerry Iannece	Present	Teddy Teng	Absent
Laura James	Present	Alex Yagudayev	Absent
Mohan Jethwani	Present		

ALSO PRESENT:

Susan Seinfeld	District Manager, Community Board 11
Christina Coutinho	Community Board 11 Associate
Deputy Inspector Huerta	111 th Precinct Commanding Officer
P.O. Anthony Daniels	111 th Precinct
Matt Pafindi	Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein
Megan Molina	Representing Assembly Nily Rozic
Michael Stinson	Representing Congressman Steve Israel
Natalia Kozikowska	Representing Council Member Mark Weprin
Anthony Lemma	Representing Assembly Member David Weprin
Anne Marie Boranian	Representing the Office of the Borough President
Jordan Goldes	Representing Congress Member Grace Meng
Scott Solomon	Queens Office - DCP
Kieran Mahoney	Representing State Senator Tony Avella

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Chair, Christine Haider.

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

Deputy Inspector Huerta spoke in regard to the year-to-date crime statistics for the district and crimes related to skimming devices and phone scams. Jerry Iannece asked if a precinct can take complaints regarding phone scams, if funds have not been transferred. D.I. Huerta stated that a precinct would document as an attempted grand larceny. Discussion ensued as to how to spread awareness on this topic.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gregg Sullivan spoke in regard to Queens Live TV a/k/a Bayside Live TV, and how it has great implications that will help the economic development of Bayside.

Randy Gomez requested that 215 Place between Northern Blvd. and 46 Avenue become a one-way. He stated that the streets to the east and west of 215 Place are one-way with traffic traveling north. Therefore, traffic has increased on 215 Place southbound. Mrs. Haider stated that a letter had recently been forwarded to the Dept. of Transportation.

David Solano, Chair, Industry Advisory Board for Bayside High School, discussed new programs offered at Bayside High School. Bayside High School is hosting various workshops related to computer science on December 8th through December 11th. For additional information, visit www.baysidehighschool.org.

Michael Feiner, President, Bayside Hills Civic Association (BHCA), stated that their Holiday Lighting Festival will be held on December 14th. The BHCA Board Members will be having a breakfast with local clergy on December 10th. Mr. Feiner said at their last meeting, they honored Posner Hardware and Lock for providing 50 years of service to the community.

Erika Tannor, representing the Dept. of Consumer Affairs, stated that in April the “Paid Sick Law” went into effect. She stated that January 30th is Earned Income Tax Credit Day of Awareness and that Deputy Commissioner, Julie Menin, is inviting everyone to help inform New Yorkers of this credit. Volunteers can sign up at [online nyc.gov/dca](http://online.nyc.gov/dca).

Anthony Lemma, representing Assembly Member David Werpin, stated that the Assembly Member is conducting a holiday food and toy drive. Items can be dropped off at the Assembly Member’s offices in Fresh Meadows or Richmond Hill until December 17th.

Zion Halili stated that Hollis Hills Civic Association will conduct a ceremony to honor former Board Member, David Millet and his wife Marion, on December 7th at Union Turnpike and 220 Street for all their years of dedication to the community.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Gary Sekdorian made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 1st meeting. The motion was seconded by Zion Halili. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE

Christine Haider made the following announcements:

Mrs. Haider was proud to announce that board member, Daniel Baek, has received a commission as a First Lieutenant in the Army, specifically with the US Army National Guard. He has been assigned to the Judge Advocate General Corp.

The 111th Police Precinct Council meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm.

On November 14th, the Wall Street Journal, Real Estate section, published an article about Little Neck. Susan Seinfeld and Walter Mugdan were interviewed.

The Alley Creek Watershed Project Final Community Meeting with the Parks Dept. will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:00 pm at APEC. Anyone interested can attend.

Assembly Member David Weprin is sponsoring a food and toy drive.

Dept. of Education Chancellor, Carmen Farina, will conduct a Town Hall meeting on December 18th at MS 67.

Eileen Miller and Susan Cerezo will be interviewed by NY1 on December 4th in regard to the Smoke Free Resolution that was passed last month. The interview will take place at the Hilltop Village co-ops which became smoke free.

Council Member Paul Vallone and the Bayside Village BID are sponsoring a holiday party on Bell Blvd. on December 7th. A portion of Bell Blvd. will be closed to traffic.

The LPC has approved the Hawthorne Apartments in Bayside for landmark status. The next step is approval by the City Council. Mrs. Haider thanked Paul DiBenedetto and the committee for all their efforts in regard to this matter.

The BSA has granted Prael Auto an extension of a ten-year term.

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Joan Garippa attended a Borough President's Aviation Task Force meeting. At the meeting, a participant handed out a letter that was drafted for community boards, asking the City Council to hold hearings to focus on airports and the noise that is being generated over community areas. Mrs. Garippa read the letter. A lengthy discussion ensued with Joan Garippa, Janet McEneaney and Board Members. Mrs. Garippa asked for the Board's support in drafting a letter on behalf of CB11. A vote, by show of hands, was taken. The majority was in favor and one opposed. Roy Giusetti stated that the drafted letter should be reviewed by Board members prior to forwarding.

Frank Skala spoke in regard to the dangers that could be imposed on aircrafts by drones. Mr. Skala made reference to an article in the Queens Courier stating that the Bayside BID opposes movie filming in Bayside. Mr. Skala requested that the Board pass a resolution to end filming in Bayside. Janet McEneaney said she agrees with Mr. Skala. She stated that the trailer engines are always idling causing major pollution. The film crews provide commissary trucks, therefore, money is not being spent in the community. Mr. Skala stated that individuals are receiving money from the filming company at the expense of the community. Mrs. Haider stated that owners are contacted directly and compensated for the use of their premises.

Henry Euler spoke on behalf of the Auburndale Improvement Association (AIA) stating that Senator Avella and members from the AIA testified at the BSA Hearing in opposition to the vacant, abandoned

properties on 198 Street. Mr. Euler also said that the Bayside Historical Society will be hosting their annual holiday party on December 6th.

Steven Newman addressed Mr. Skala's request for no movie filming in Bayside by saying that movie filming in the City generates blue collar union jobs which all contribute to tax revenues that help the City.

Douglas Montgomery stated that the Douglaston/Little Neck Parade is six months away and they are starting to prepare. This year they will recognize the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War. He stated that if anyone knew of someone who lost their life in this war, please contact the parade committee or contact CB11 for additional information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – Laura James and Alim Gafar, Co-Chairs. Laura James reviewed the committee report of November 20th. She said that the new Acting Superintendent, Danielle Giunta, attended the meeting. Ms. Giunta stated that financial constraints in the district were the biggest concern since the district does not receive federal funds that are available to other districts. There is a proposal to require 5th graders to be retested to remain in the Gifted and Talented class in middle school, modeled after District 30. At the meeting, Mel Meer questioned the placement of Ms. Giunta in the position without the consultation with the CEDC and the community. Ms. James said they discussed overcrowding in District 26. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the return of P.S. 130 to District 26. Ms. Giunta stated that there is a building design for the new school on 48th Avenue (former Keil's Brothers property) but traffic patterns around the school still have to be worked out. The school opening is scheduled for September 2017. The committee discussed with Ms. Giunta overcrowding in District 26 not only due to the increase of young people moving to the area, but through fraud, by the use of friends and relatives addresses in order to attend. Alim Gafar stated that it was asked what can be done to police this issue. He stated that P.S. 98 is underutilized and has less than 200 students and asked Ms. Giunta what can be done to increase the buildings utilization. Ms. Giunta indicated that a merger or depopulation was not being considered for P.S. 98, but they were looking into possibly moving Gifted and Talented to the school students or other uses. Mr. Gafar discussed the new School Accountability Reports. Mr. Gafar discussed after-school programming in middle school and stated that the committee asked Ms. Giunta which middle schools in District 26 already have after-school programs, which are eligible to apply for money and which schools actually apply. A question and answer period followed. Board Members asked about P.S. 130 returning to District 26, if there are funds for the upcoming Beacon Program under the new administration and building plans for the new school on 48th Avenue. Ms. James stated that Ms. Giunta only mentioned that there is a building design and the traffic study has yet to be completed. Ms. McEaney stated that the Dept. of Education needs a better system of checking addresses of the students enrolling. One of the reasons why the schools are overcrowded is due to fraud. She stated that there are homes in the area that house several children just to attend a school in District 26. Ms. James stated that this issue was discussed.

Mrs. Haider wished everyone a happy holiday.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded by Jerry Iannece. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.