

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 7, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Iannece, Chair	Present	Anthony Koutsouradis	Present
Edith Basom	Absent	Robert Liatto	Present
Steven Behar	Present	Susan Macinick	Absent
Daniel Berrios	Absent	Janet McEaney	Present
Lana Bind	Absent	Thomas Meara	Absent
Susan Cerezo	Present	Melvyn Meer	Present
Ocelia Claro	Present	Eileen Miller	Present
Paul DiBenedetto	Present	Douglas Montgomery	Present
Edward Doster	Present	Steven Newman	Present
Henry Euler	Present	Dennis Novick	Present
Mario Ferazzoli	Present	Allan Palzer	Present
JoAnn Ferrari	Present	Chris Petallides	Present
Sonya Fierro-Gladwin	Present	Stephen Pivawer	Absent
Lee Fiorino	Present	Elizabeth Renner	Present
Jack Fried	Absent	Andrew Rothman	Present
Joan Garippa	Present	Christina Scherer	Present
Roy Giusetti	Present	Gary Sekdorian	Present
Bernard Haber	Present	Frank Skala	Present
Christine Haider	Absent	Mamie Smith	Present
Zion Halili	Present	Joseph Sollano	Present
Laura James	Present	Robert Speranza	Absent
Mohan Jethwani	Absent	Jyothi Sriram	Present
George Karahalidis	Present	Teddy Teng	Present
Gordon Keit	Present	Alex Yagudaev	Present
Incha Kim	Present		

ALSO PRESENT:

Susan Seinfeld	District Manager, Community Board 11
Christina Coutinho	Community Assistant, Community Board 11
Captain Jason Huerta	111 th Precinct, Commanding Officer
P.O. Gary Poggiali	111 th Precinct, Community Affairs
Mark Scott	Representing Queens Borough President Helen Marshall
Paige Waranis	Representing Council Member Dan Halloran
David Fischer	Chief of Staff for Assembly Member Ed Braunstein
Rajiv Syed, Esq.	Representing Council Member Mark Weprin

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chairman, Jerry Iannece.

Mr. Iannece introduced Captain Jason Huerta and P.O. Poggiali. Captain Huerta gave an update regarding the burglary patterns that were taking place in the district. He stated that several arrests have been made. P.O. Poggiali stated that all Street Activity Permit applications are done online. He said if anyone had any questions they could call him or Susan Seinfeld.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Isabel Rodriquez, representing Queens Smoke-Free Partnership, spoke about how to have a smoke-free household and the danger of secondhand smoke. More information can be obtained through their website: www.nycsmokefree.org/queens.

Chailan Gan and Cynthia Chan, representing Chinese-American Planning Council, spoke about making Queens smoke-free.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jerry Iannece asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 3rd meeting. A correction was made by changing P.S. 62 and P.S. 30 to P.S. 162 and P.S. 130. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Mr. Iannece asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Board Member, David Millet.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jerry Iannece made the following announcements:

Congratulations were given to the Bayside Hills Civic Association for their annual holiday lighting ceremony.

On January 6, 2013, the MTA restored the Q27 overnight service, the Q30 service to QCC and the Q36 service to Little Neck Parkway.

CB11 received a response from Con Ed to our letter requesting information regarding underground service. The cost to Con Ed is \$5-6 million a mile and \$7,500 per household to connect to underground lines.

The Brandywine Assisted Living and Westmoreland Civic will partner with the Dept. of Parks to beautify two Greenstreet locations, Nassau Mall and Glenwood Landing.

An application to the BSA for a new two-story building, for retail and medical space, was received for the Scobee Diner property. There will be a zoning committee meeting in February to review this application. Also, Staples, next to the Scobee Diner property, will be closing.

The Parks Dept. Natural Resources Group is holding an Alley Creek Watershed and Habitat Restoration meeting on Thursday, January 31, at 6:00 pm at APEC.

The Redistricting Commission hearings are on Monday, January 14, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at LaGuardia Community College.

The CB 11 Office is partnering with Assemblyman Ed Braunstein for the Valentines for Vets donation drive.

Notice was received from CB 2 that an establishment that has a liquor license can remain open past 4:00 am until 8:00 am on New Years's Eve/New Years Day by forwarding an application to the SLA. There is no required input from the affected Board for the approval to the later hours of operation. Mr. Iannece wrote a letter to the SLA about the lack of notification.

Congratulations were given to Jack Fried for being named Star of the Week by the Queens Courier.

The Queens Borough President's Office will be conducting Public Hearings regarding BSA 295-12 BZ/49-33 Little Neck Parkway, BSA 68-91 BZ/223-15 Union Turnpike and BSA 551-37 BZ/233-02

Northern Blvd. on Thursday, January 10, 2013, at 10:30 am. The BSA will be conducting Public Hearings regarding BSA 551-37 BZ/233-02 Northern Blvd. on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Bayside BID will be conducting their annual Taste of Bayside on Wednesday, January 23, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Adria Hotel.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Skala said that the Bayside BID hosted their annual tree lighting ceremony, which was relocated to the north side of the LIRR tracks. Mr. Skala stated that this event was not announced and had low attendance.

Janet McEaney gave an update as to what is being done to stop flight patterns out of LaGuardia Airport. Mel Meer stated that the current airplane noise is a great threat to the quality of life and to property values in the northeast Queens vicinity. He said that the Board should make a resolution opposing the flight pattern change. Mr. Iannece asked the Aviation Committee and Environmental Committee to arrange a joint committee meeting.

Paul DiBenedetto said that the Bayside Historical Society is hosting an Art Fair on Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 pm.

Henry Euler stated that the DOT Queens Borough Commissioner, has referred his request for traffic control at P.S. 162 and P.S. 130 to the School Safety Engineering Unit.

Frank Skala stated that the airplane noise, over northeast Queens, has not decreased.

Andy Rothman stated that the Bayside Library will be closed for six months. He said that six months is too long and suggested that the CB reach out to the Queens Public Library requesting a shorter time frame. Discussion ensued as to how the Little Neck Branch and other local branches should extend hours and open on Saturdays during the closure of the Bayside Branch. Mr. Iannece asked the Library Committee to set up a committee meeting.

Mr. Iannece introduced Barry Grodenchik, Director of Queens Community Boards, who stated that on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 10:00 am the Honorable Helen M. Marshall is giving her annual State of the Borough Address at the Colden Auditorium at Queens College. He also said that Board Member renewal applications need to be submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING

BSA Cal. No. 301-12 – 213-11 35 Avenue – Trattoria 35 - An application for a special permit to allow an enlargement of an existing building within portions of a zoning lot divided between a C2-2 and R2A zoning district. The applicant's representative, Adam Rothkrug, stated that Trattoria 35 is a restaurant that has been at this location for about seven years. The applicant is seeking a special permit. The entire property is not completely in a commercial zone, 32 feet at the rear of the property is in the residential zone. Not having the entire property in a commercial zone restricts additional development to the property. Mr. Rothkrug said that the applicant is applying for a special permit, within the zoning resolution, which allows the zoning line to be moved 25 feet. This will allow for additional commercial floor space. It is proposed to construct a one-and two-story addition to the existing two-story structure, to provide an elevator for greater access to the second floor and to enclose an existing walkway on the second floor. In addition, a one-story enclosed structure in the rear of the property, which was illegal, will be removed. The entire application adds 363 square feet to the restaurant. Mr. Rothkrug said that at the committee meeting, issues with valet parking were discussed

and a board member suggested making an entrance through the north wall instead of going around the corner on the sidewalks to access the parking lot. There was one registered public speaker who spoke in favor of the application, stating that esthetically and economically, this business contributes to the community. There were no questions from the general public. Henry Euler read the Zoning Committee Report of November 25, 2012 on behalf of Christine Haider, Zoning Chair. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the application. A question and answer period followed. Board Members asked if the auto repair shop adjacent to the north wall was in agreement with the entrance. Mr. Rothkrug answered that the applicant is in negotiation with the owner of the auto repair shop. Paul DiBenedetto asked if the billboard sign will be coming down and Mr. Rothkrug stated that the billboard is illegal and has to be removed. A motion was made to approve the application with the condition of no parking or driving on the sidewalk while the valet service brings the cars to the parking lot next door. A discussion ensued as to the change of the outside design where the elevator will be and the removal of the structure in the rear. The motion was seconded by Zion Halili. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 37 in favor, 1 opposed (In favor – Behar, Cerezo, Claro, DiBenedetto, Doster, Euler, Ferazzoli, Ferrari, Fierro-Gladwin, Fiorino, Garippa, Giusetti, Haber, Halili, Iannece, James, Karahalis, Keit, Kim, Koutsouradis, Liatto, McEaney, Meer, Miller, Montgomery, Newman, Novick, Palzer, Petallides, Renner, Rothman, Sekdorian, Smith, Sollano, Sriram, Teng, Yagudaev - Opposed – Skala) The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Iannece at 8:35 pm.