

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: December 2, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Susan Seinfeld	District Manager, Community Board 11
Christina Coutinho	Community Associate, Community Board 11
P.O. Gary Poggiali	111 th Precinct, Community Affairs Unit
John Liu	New York City Comptroller
Jorge Fanjul	Representing New York City Comptroller
Ed Braunstein	Assembly Member
Mark Scott	Representing Queens Borough President Helen Marshall
Anthony Lemma, Sr.	Representing Assembly Member David Weprin
Anthony Lemma, Jr.	Representing Congress Member Grace Meng
Megan Keane	Assembly Member Nily Rozic
Warren Schreiber	Representing Council Member-Elected Paul Vallone
Irene Cheung	Representing Council Member Mark Weprin
Michael Stinson	Representing Congress Member Steve Israel

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman, Jerry Iannece.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Boy Scout, Michael Feijoo.

Mr. Iannece introduced Assembly Member Ed Braunstein who gave an update regarding the Governor's veto message with regard to a bill relating to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey requiring a noise and land use compatibility study. Instead of waiting for the bill to be signed by the NJ Governor, Governor Cuomo vetoed the bill but directed the Port Authority to conduct noise

studies that will meet the requirements of a Part 150 Study for LaGuardia and JFK airport. Also, Mr. Braunstein stated that his office is conducting their annual toy drive and annual veteran's drive. Mr. Braunstein thanked everyone for being so generous.

Community Affairs Police Officer Gary Poggiali gave an update regarding the year-to-date crime statistics. P.O. Poggiali stated that the Precinct Police Council meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Toby Pagano discussed the negative impact the approved plans for an elementary school at 210-11 48 Avenue will have on the community.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jerry Iannece asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 4th meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jerry Iannece made the following announcements:

Mr. Iannece discussed the City Council's approval of the siting of an elementary school on 48 Avenue. He expressed his displeasure with how the DOE and SCA conducted the process of the school site proposal and how they disrespected the Community Board.

Susan Seinfeld and Ted Teng attended the District 26 Public Meeting on Nov. 21. The DOE and SCA presented the 5-year capital plan that included the elementary school on 48 Avenue and identified the need for another 456 seat elementary school in Oakland Gardens/Fresh Meadows. Mr. Iannece stated that there were several other locations that would have been a better choice rather than 48 Avenue.

Mr. Iannece thanked Assembly Member Ed Braunstein, Senator Avella, Congress Member Meng and Board Members, Andy Rothman, Joan Garippa and Janet McEaney for all their efforts in the fight against airplane noise. Mr. Rothman stated that the Governor's veto message also included the requirement of the Port Authority to establish a community roundtable to discuss airport noise.

P.O. Gary Poggiali will receive a 10-year award tomorrow at the 111th Precinct Council meeting. Mr. Iannece thanked P.O. Poggiali for all his hard work.

Condolences were given to Laura James on the passing of her partner Richard.

Congratulations were given to Bayside Hills Civic Association and the Bayside BID for conducting very successful holiday lighting ceremonies.

Effective Dec. 9, the toll lanes at the Throgs Neck Bridge will change; the cash lanes will be on the right.

Congratulations were given to Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio and other newly-elected and re-elected City officials.

Discussion ensued regarding the approval process for the school site at 48 Avenue and other sites that the DOE and the SCA could have considered besides 48 Avenue.

Andy Rothman added that Congress Member Steve Israel also participated in the fight against airplane noise.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Skala announced that after 10-years of service on the Community Board, he feels he may no longer be able to serve. Mr. Skala cited his age and health as contributing factors in his decision.

Mr. Iannece introduced NYC Comptroller John Liu. Mr. Liu gave a final budget report as his term as Comptroller will expire at the end of December. He thanked the community for all their support.

Government Affairs/Legal Committee Chair, Thomas Meara, stated that there is a hold on committee discussion with regard to the proposed Hostel Law that was introduced by Mayor Bloomberg until after the Mayor-elect takes office.

Public Hearings

BSA Cal No. 751-78 BZ – 200-15 Northern Blvd. – Genesis Auto Service - An application to extend the term of the previously-granted variance for the operation of an automotive repair establishment in a C2-2 zoning district. Due to a last minute scheduling conflict, the applicant's representative was not able to attend tonight's meeting. There were no registered speakers. Committee Chair, Christine Haider, reviewed the committee report of November 15. The committee was concerned with the storage of tires on the property and they questioned the legality of the scrolling, illuminated, non-English sign, whether or not other car repairs will be done because it is an official NYS inspection station, the hours of operation and the parking of trucks and cars overnight on the premises. A motion was made at the committee meeting to approve the application with conditions. The motion was passed by two in favor and one abstention. A question and answer period followed. Susan Seinfeld stated that there has been a variance on the property since 1952 and the prior variance expired in 2009. There was a delay in the renewal of the variance due to an issue with the prior tenant and subsequent vacancy of the premises. Henry Euler requested two conditions be added and also the current exterior building color of hot pink be changed. A motion was made to approve the application with the following six conditions: 1) That the premises shall be kept clean of debris and graffiti; 2) That no repairs be performed in the street or on the sidewalk; 3) That the sidewalk not be blocked; 4) That there will be no overnight parking of trucks or cars except those awaiting service; 5) That the hours of operation be 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and closed on Sunday; 6) That the tire racks in the front of the property and the tires stored on the northwest corner of the property be moved to a storage container and/or placed within the bays. Discussion ensued with the issue raised as to how the conditions would be met since the applicant is not present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Iannece stated that a recommendation report is forwarded to the BSA. The motion was seconded by Paul DiBenedetto. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 37 in favor and 0 opposed. (In-favor- Basom, Bind, Cerezo, Claro, DiBenedetto, Euler, Ferrari, Fierro-Gladwin, Fried, Gafar, Garippa, Giusetti, Haber, Haider, Halili, Iannece, James, Jethwani, Karahalis, Keit, Kim, Liatto, Mihaltses, Miller, Montgomery, Newman, Novick, Palzer, Petallides, Pivawer, Renner, Rothman, Scherer, Sekdorian, Sollano, Sriram, Teng) The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Senior Citizens, Allan Palzer, Ad-hoc Committee Chair, Douglas Montgomery and Gary Sekdorian, Committee Co-Chairs – Allan Palzer reviewed the committee report of Nov. 15 regarding statistical information from the U.S. Census about population growth and trends of seniors residing in the United States, NY State, NY City and Community Boards 7, 11 and 13.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Iannece at 8.45 pm.