

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: February 4, 2013

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jerry Iannece, Chair	Present	Anthony Koutsouradis	Present
Edith Basom	Present	Robert Liatto	Present
Steven Behar	Absent	Susan Macinick	Absent
Daniel Berrios	Present	Janet McEaney	Present
Lana Bind	Present	Thomas Meara	Present
Susan Cerezo	Present	Melvyn Meer	Present
Ocelia Claro	Present	Eileen Miller	Absent
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	Absent
Jack Fried	Present	Andrew Rothman	Present
Joan Garippa	Present	Christina Scherer	Present
Roy Giusetti	Present	Gary Sekdorian	Present
Bernard Haber	Absent	Frank Skala	Present
Christine Haider	Present	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 <sup>th</sup> Precinct, Commanding Officer
P.O. Gary Poggiali	111 <sup>th</sup> Precinct, Community Affairs
Claudia Filomena	Mayor's Community Assistance Unit
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
Felix L. Martinez, Jr.	Queens DA Office
Volodymyr Bakhnak	Representing Senator Tony Avella
Det. Juan Toro	Queens Borough Patrol North
Anthony Iuliano	Dept. of Buildings
Megan Kearl	Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic
Michael Stinson	Representing Congress Member Steve Israel
Anthony Lemma	Representing Assembly Member David Weprin

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

Mr. Iannece introduced Captain Jason Huerta and P.O. Gary Poggiali. Captain Huerta gave an update regarding monthly crime statistics. He stated that they are seeing a lot of dishonest dealings with social networks such as Facebook and Craigslist. P.O. Poggiali gave information in regard to the

Citizens Police Academy. He said that if anyone was interested, they can contact the 111<sup>th</sup> Community Affairs Dept. or Susan Seinfeld. Only two individuals are chosen for the Spring and Fall classes.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Kim D'Angelo and Maria Deleone spoke about their opposition to the closing of the Beacon Program at M.S. 158. They both stated that this program is vital to the community and asked for the support of the community and local Elected Officials.

Talat Hamdani requested that 204 Street at 35 Avenue to be renamed in honor of her son, Salman Hamdani. Mr. Hamdani was a NYS Certified EMT and a NYPD Cadet who died at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

Robert Whitehair, a resident of Douglaston, spoke about Air Traffic Noise and urged the Board to take action.

Elliott Socci, a resident of Douglaston, spoke about the proposed redesign of the intersection at 240 Street and Douglaston Parkway and requested additional conditions be added to the redesign.

### **PRESENTATION – Flushing Hospital Medical Center, Wound Care Center**

Joann Ariola, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, and Frances Pugliese, Program Director, gave a presentation regarding the different services and programs available at Flushing Hospital Medical Center.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Jerry Iannece asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Iannece asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Edward Koch.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Jerry Iannece made the following announcements:

Mrs. Seinfeld will be speaking at the Borough President's annual preliminary budget hearings at the end of the month.

The 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct conducts their Council Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

DEP is giving homeowners the opportunity to obtain insurance for water and sewer lines. Letters have been sent to homeowners. Any additional questions can be directed to CB11.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chris Petallides gave information regarding Shen Yun 2013, a performance at Lincoln Center about Chinese culture.

Janet McEneaney gave an update regarding her meeting with the CUNY Law School. Ms. McEneaney stated that 20 law interns will be assigned to help the community and will be speaking at the CB11 May 2013 meeting to discuss their findings regarding the fight against airplane noise.

Frank Skala spoke regarding the Mayor's decision to discontinue parking permits for the CB Chairs.

Laura James thanked Assembly Member Ed Braunstein's office for their assistance in helping with the dangerous ponding issue at the Little Neck LIRR station platform. She also said that she attended a CEDC meeting and was informed that District 26 is scheduled to get an elementary school in the Bayside/Auburndale area for about 400 students. Ms. James stated the need for a high school was expressed and a suggestion of using the Leviton Property was made. She stated that a resolution should be prepared. She will reach out to the committee to schedule a meeting.

Henry Euler stated that Auburndale Improvement Association wanted to thank the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct for recently towing vehicles that Bayside Imports and the Dodge dealerships park illegally. Mr. Euler also stated that Senator Avella had a press conference last Thursday at the properties on 47 Avenue and 198 Street that are vacant and abandoned. Mr. Euler said that Senator Avella has pledged to work with the Dept. of Buildings to make sure the buildings are condemned and taken down. Mr. Euler also thanked local Elected Officials and CB11 for their support on this matter.

Christina Scherer stated that she attended the Alley Creek Long Term Control Plan meeting held by the Parks Dept. Natural Resource Group. She said that the minutes from the meeting can be obtained at the CB Office.

Dennis Novick stated that he attended a FEMA meeting at Borough Hall in regard to the release of the updated Flood Maps. Mr. Novick said the new maps can be reviewed at [www.region2coastal.com/sandy/abfe](http://www.region2coastal.com/sandy/abfe).

Paul DiBenedetto stated that the Bayside Historical Society will be hosting a jazz brunch on Sunday, February 10. Also on Friday, February 22, the author of "Greeks in Queens" will be at Fort Totten for book signing and to answer questions.

Allan Palzer stated that some nonprofit and commercial stores that operate on Northern Blvd. and Little Neck Parkway are not removing snow properly. Mr. Iannece stated that the addresses should be given to CB11.

Douglas Montgomery spoke about how important the approval for the proposed redesign of the intersection at 240 Street and Douglaston Parkway is for the community.

Daniel Berrios spoke about debris being left around Ozanam Hall. Henry Euler stated that the Auburndale Improvement Association wrote a letter to Ozanam Hall in regard to debris not being picked up around their facility.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**BSA Cal. No. 364-82BZ - 245-24 Horace Harding Expressway – Bally's Total Fitness** - An application for an extension of term to operate a physical culture establishment. The applicant's representative, Jeremiah Candreva, stated that the site has been operating under a variance since 1969. He said the physical culture establishment has been operating since 1983 and has been continuously renewed. Mr. Candreva stated that at the Zoning Committee meeting of January 10, the committee discussed four issues that had to do with the operation of the parking lot and sidewalk repair at the bus stop. Mr. Candreva said that they have contacted the landlord and discussed the repairs and changes that need to be made. He stated there will be no changes to the operation of business or to the structure. There were no registered public speakers. There was one question from the general public regarding the zoning for that area. Joan Garippa and Allan Palzer, Zoning Committee Co-Chairs reviewed the committee report of January 25, 2013. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the

application with conditions. Douglas Montgomery suggested the bus stop be moved to make way for more parking spaces. A motion was made to approve the application. There was no discussion regarding the motion. The motion was seconded by Mario Ferazzoli. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 39 in favor, 0 opposed (In favor – Basom, Berrios, Bind, Cerezo, Claro, DiBenedetto, Doster, Euler, Ferazzoli, Ferrari, Fierro-Gladwin, Fiorino, Fried, Garippa, Giusetti, Haider, Halili, Iannece, James, Karahalis, Keit, Kim, Koutsouradis, Liatto, McEaney, Meara, Montgomery, Newman, Novick, Palzer, Petallides, Rothman, Scherer, Sekdorian, Smith, Sollano, Sriram, Teng, Yagudaev) The motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Transportation** – Chris Petallides, Co-Chair, reviewed the items on the committee report of January 25, 2013. Mr. Petallides stated that at the meeting, a motion was made to approve the renaming of 204 Street at 35 Avenue for Salman Hamdani and all committee members present were in favor. He stated that it was discussed that a full board vote should be taken. Mr. Petallides made a motion to approve the renaming. A motion was seconded by Gordon Keit. A vote by show of hands was taken resulting unanimously in favor. (Basom, Berrios, Bind, Cerezo, Claro, DiBenedetto, Doster, Euler, Ferazzoli, Ferrari, Fierro-Gladwin, Fiorino, Fried, Garippa, Giusetti, Haider, Halili, Iannece, James, Karahalis, Keit, Kim, Koutsouradis, Liatto, McEaney, Meara, Montgomery, Newman, Novick, Palzer, Petallides, Rothman, Scherer, Sekdorian, Smith, Sollano, Sriram, Teng, Yagudaev) The motion carried.

Mr. Petallides stated that the suggestions made by Elliott Socci and Douglas Montgomery in regard to the redesign of the intersection at 240 Street and Douglaston Parkway, be submitted to the DOT as additions, prior to going before the full board for approval.

**Youth** – Ted Teng, Chair, stated that the Beacon After-School Program is again in jeopardy of being canceled for next year. He presented a resolution regarding the opposition to the discontinuation of the Beacon Program at M.S. 158 by CB11. A motion was made to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Douglas Montgomery. A vote by a show of hands was taken resulting unanimously in favor. (Basom, Berrios, Cerezo, Claro, DiBenedetto, Doster, Euler, Ferazzoli, Ferrari, Fierro-Gladwin, Fiorino, Fried, Garippa, Giusetti, Haider, Halili, Iannece, James, Karahalis, Keit, Kim, Koutsouradis, Liatto, Macinick, Montgomery, Newman, Novick, Palzer, Petallides, Rothman, Scherer, Sekdorian, Smith, Sollano, Sriram, Teng, Yagudaev) The motion carried.

**Aviation and Environmental** - Joan Garippa, Andy Rothman, Henry Euler and Paul DiBenedetto respective committee Co-Chairs, presented a resolution regarding the airplane noise in northeast Queens. A discussion ensued as to the wording of the resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution as written. The motion was seconded by Chris Petallides. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 34 in favor, 3 opposed. (Basom, Berrios, Cerezo, Claro, DiBenedetto, Doster, Euler, Ferazzoli, Ferrari, Fierro-Gladwin, Fiorino, Fried, Garippa, Giusetti, Haider, Halili, Iannece, James, Keit, Kim, Koutsouradis, Liatto, McEaney, Montgomery, Palzer, Petallides, Rothman, Scherer, Sekdorian, Smith, Sollano, Sriram, Teng, Yagudaev - Opposed – Karahalis, Newman, Novick) The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Iannece at 9:15 pm.