

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 6, 2014

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Susan Seinfeld	District Manager, Community Board 11
Christina Coutinho	Community Associate, Community Board 11
Deputy Inspector Jason Huerta	111 th Precinct Commanding Officer
P.O. Gary Poggiali	111 th Precinct, Community Affairs Unit
Jordan Goldes	Representing Congress Member Grace Meng
Gene McSweeney	Assembly Member Ed Braunstein
Kieran Mahoney	Representing State Senator Tony Avella
Anthony Lemma, Sr.	Representing Assembly Member David Weprin
Megan Keane	Assembly Member Nily Rozic
Mike Yon	Representing Council Member Paul Vallone
Irene Cheung	Representing Council Member Mark Weprin
Michael Stinson	Representing Congress Member Steve Israel

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

Mr. Iannece introduced Deputy Inspector Jason Huerta who gave an update regarding year-to-date crime statistics. D.I. Huerta stated that there is an increase in automobile theft due to drivers leaving the key in the ignition to keep their car running on cold days.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kathy Geraci and Tom McGlinchey, volunteers for the Boy Scouts of America spoke about the mission of the Boy Scouts and asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to organize a starter unit. Additional information can be obtained by emailing Jorge.rodriquez@scouting.org.

Mary Vaccaro, UFT District 26 Representative, spoke in regard to the scholarship application for 2013-2014. Additional information can be obtained by calling Ms. Vaccaro at 718-275-4400.

PRESENTATION

FDNY Captain Kevin Anderson gave a presentation regarding home fire safety education. He spoke about what causes a fire, detection, and having a plan.

Marguerite Manela, NYC Compost Project Manager, gave a presentation regarding the importance of composting. Ms. Manela stated that there is a Master Composter course that is being offered, the application deadline is February 7, 2014. Additional information and upcoming events can be obtained at www.nyc.gov/wasteless/compost.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jerry Iannece asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 2nd meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jerry Iannece made the following announcements:

This past weekend, Council Members Paul Vallone and Rory Lancmen were sworn into office.

Mr. Iannece introduced Mike Yon, a representative from Council Member Paul Vallone's office, who stated that the council office is located at 42-40 Bell Blvd. and the telephone number is 718-619-8611.

Jack Fried fell yesterday and broke his wrist. Mr. Iannece extended best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

The 111th Precinct Council meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night.

Melinda Katz will be sworn in as the new Queens Borough President on Thursday, January 9th, at 7:00 pm at Queens College.

Community board membership renewal applications will be forwarded by Borough Hall this week. Mr. Iannece stated that board elections will be held in March and he is term limited out, therefore, he will not be a candidate.

Brandywine Assisted Living will be hosting an Affordable Care Act Seminar on January 15th from 6 – 8 pm.

A Transportation Committee meeting will be held on January 22nd at 8:00 pm. The agenda will be mailed to members this week. Mr. Iannece urged members to attend, he stated that attendance is low at committee meetings.

Queens Borough President Liaison, Mark Scott, has retired from his position. Mr. Iannece wished him the best and stated that he will be missed.

Mr. Iannece congratulated Janet McEneaney, Queens Quiet Skies and the Aviation Committee, for an outstanding job in the fight against airplane traffic over northeast Queens. Janet McEneaney gave an update on upcoming events in regard to airplane noise. Andy Rothman also added current updates on the progress of the project.

Council Member Rory Lancman's new office is located at 78-40 164 Street – Apt. BB, Fresh Meadows. Council Member Lancman covers Queens Community Board 8.

The DOB has received an application from Steel Equities, the owner of the former Leviton site for renovations and building additions for watch manufacturer, E. Gluck. This use is "As of Right" and only requires permits from the DOB.

The BSA application for the former Scobee property to permit an accessory community facility and commercial parking has been approved.

Condolences were given to CB11 staffers, Jane Bentivenga on the passing of her mother and Christina Coutinho on the passing of her father-in-law.

NEW BUSINESS

Janet McEneaney discussed three issues in the community; an illegal curb and driveway and her concern that the DOB will issue a violation but not make the homeowner remove the illegal additions; a problem with a dog that is barking endlessly; the need for traffic enforcement at P.S. 159 during drop-off and pick-up times.

Mel Meer spoke about a driveway that was widened illegally. Mr. Iannece advised him to speak to Susan Seinfeld in regard to this matter.

Alim Gafar stated that garbage has not been picked up for one week. Mr. Iannece said that there was a holiday and a snow storm within the same week. He asked that the CB office look into this matter.

Jyothi Sriram also stated that there is a traffic problem at P.S. 98. She spoke about issues in regard to complaints with the DOB that are already being handled by the community board office.

Anthony Koutsouradis stated in regard to traffic enforcement at the schools, that he has been advised by the 111th Community Affairs Officers that enforcement occurs at the request of the school principal. He stated that this is procedure because when the parents receive summonses, they complain to the principal. Anthony Lemma, representing Assembly Member David Werpin, stated that his office has contacted school Parent Coordinators. The coordinator can forward a mass email to parents reminding them to be more conscientious or they will receive a summons.

Allan Palzer stated that he requested a tree six months ago and it was finally planted the day before Christmas.

Chris Petallides stated that Shen Yun Entertainment Company is performing at Lincoln Center. Elizabeth Renner spoke in regard to an issue with an officer from 111th Precinct giving her a summons.

Paul DiBenedetto spoke about upcoming events hosted by the Bayside Historical Society. For additional information regarding upcoming events, log onto www.baysidehistorical.org

Susan Cerezo spoke about her concerns in regard to the current “Knock Out” crimes.

Mamie Smith asked what can be done in regard to a dog that is continuously barking. Mr. Iannece stated that it is a public nuisance complaint. He advised her to call 3-1-1 or contact the CB office.

Committee Reports

North Bayside/East Flushing Zoning Committee, Barney’s Gulf Auto Service Station – 200-05 Horace Harding Expressway. Christine Haider, Committee Chair, read the report of December 17, 2013. The owners met with the zoning committee to discuss their proposal to add two car bays to the existing building prior to the formal application being forward to the BSA. Mr. Iannece asked, by show of hands, if any board members were opposed to the additions. There were no objections.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Iannece at 8.40 pm.