

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: March 4, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Iannece, Chair	Present	Anthony Koutsouradis	Absent
Edith Basom	Present	Robert Liatto	Present
Steven Behar	Present	Susan Macinick	Absent
Daniel Berrios	Present	Janet McEaney	Present
Lana Bind	Absent	Thomas Meara	Present
Susan Cerezo	Present	Melvyn Meer	Present
Ocelia Claro	Present	Eileen Miller	Present
Paul DiBenedetto	Present	Douglas Montgomery	Present
Ed Doster	Present	Steven Newman	Present
Henry Euler	Present	Dennis Novick	Absent
Mario Ferazzoli	Present	Allan Palzer	Present
JoAnn Ferrari	Present	Chris Petallides	Present
Sonya Fierro-Gladwin	Present	Stephen Pivawer	Absent
Lee Fiorino	Absent	Elizabeth Renner	Present
Jack Fried	Absent	Andrew Rothman	Present
Joan Garippa	Present	Christina Scherer	Present
Roy Giusetti	Present	Gary Sekdorian	Absent
Bernard Haber	Present	Frank Skala	Present
Christine Haider	Present	Mamie Smith	Present
Zion Halili	Absent	Joseph Sollano	Absent
Laura James	Present	Robert Speranza	Absent
Mohan Jethwani	Present	Jyothi Sriram	Present
George Karahalidis	Absent	Teddy Teng	Present
Gordon Keit	Absent	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
Megan Keane	Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic
Don Capalbi	Representing Congress Member Grace Meng
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
Seth Urbinder	Representing Senator Tony Avella
Michael Stinson	Representing Congress Member Steve Israel
Anthony Iuliano	Dept. of Buildings
Anthony Lemma	Representing Assembly Member David Weprin

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Chairman, Jerry Iannece.

Mr. Iannece introduced Captain Jason Huerta who gave an update regarding monthly crime statistics. He stated that there has been an increase in burglaries and car vandalism. Gregg Sullivan thanked Captain Huerta for helping with a police matter on Bell Blvd.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Former Council Member and former Director of Queens Community Boards, Melinda Katz, commented on proposed budget cuts to Community Boards.

Karen Schwab and Jeri Mendelsohn, representing the Samuel Field Y, spoke about new programs offered to seniors at the Samuel Field Y of Little Neck.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jerry Iannece asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 4th meeting. The minutes were approved with additions and corrections.

Mr. Iannece asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Board Member, Franklin Lloyd and Board Member Jack Fried's father, Ben Fried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jerry Iannece made the following announcements:

There will an Aviation Committee meeting on March 12. Senator Tony Avella and Assembly Member Ed Braunstein will be hosting an FAA meeting in regard to airplane noise over northeast Queens at the Bayside Terrace Jewish Center on March 14.

Council Member Mark Weprin held a Participatory Budget meeting. At the meeting, two items within CB11 were presented, median curb repair on Union Turnpike and upgrades to the M.S. 74 auditorium for visual, sound, lighting, stage curtains and rigging. In early April residents will vote for the projects they prefer to be funded. Council Member Dan Halloran will be conducting Participatory Budget meetings on March 19 and March 21.

Congressman Steve Israel will have local office hours on Tuesday, March 5, from 10-12 pm at Senator Tony Avella's office.

MTA tolls increased as of March 3, 2013.

Senator Tony Avella has introduced legislation based on CB complaints, regarding drinking establishments obtaining a special permit to stay open until 8:00 am on New Year's Day without the CB being notified. The legislation seeks to require CB notification, similar to the notification received for an application and renewal of a liquor license.

A complaint was brought before the Board by a resident that World of Discovery Day Camp is using John Golden Park as campgrounds for hundreds of campers. Susan Seinfeld and Mike Agnello from the Parks Dept. met with the camp owner regarding this issue.

CB7 is holding a public hearing on Monday, March 11, regarding the plans for the USTA expansion.

FDNY is conducting a "Change your Clock, Change your Battery Campaign" on March 8, at Target in College Point.

The 111th Precinct Council meeting is Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 pm.

Bayside Hills Spring Festival is Saturday, March 16, at St. Roberts.

Board Member Ed Doster has chosen not to renew. Mr. Iannece thanked Mr. Doster for his many years of outstanding service. Board Member Robert Speranza has moved out of town and is removed from the Board.

P.S. 46 will be installing an emergency sidewalk bridge March 5, starting at 4 pm until 1 am.

Mr. Iannece asked if the Board had any opposition to sponsor a blood drive with the South Asian Center. There was no opposition from Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS

Andy Rothman stated that Senator Tony Avella and Assembly Member Ed Braunstein are conducting a Town Hall Meeting with the FAA about airplane noise over northeast Queens on March 14.

Mel Meer discussed airplane flight pattern and the negative effect on property values in various zip codes in northeast Queens.

Christine Haider thanked Susan Seinfeld and DOB representative, Anthony Iuliano, for making a site visit to the new houses being built on 183 Street and Booth Memorial Avenue. Ms. Haider stated that the community is very upset with the builder because there are several amendments to the original plans. The slope of the driveway is being amended, and there will be no vehicle access to garage, therefore, allowing the garage to be included in the gross living area. She stated that the neighbors are concerned that the basements will be illegally rented due to the additional floor space and that all green space is being removed for parking.

Janet McEaney stated she is gathering a list of questions to be presented at the FAA meeting on March 14, if anyone would like to present a question they could contact her. Ms. McEaney made a proposal for the March 2014 Board elections, requesting that a notice of who will be running for chair and executive officers be forwarded to board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Iannece stated that her proposal would be discussed but that according to the CB11 By-Laws, nominations take place at the meeting, the night of the election.

Henry Euler agreed with Ms. McEaney's proposal. Mr. Euler also said that on April 6, 2013 at 1:00 pm, at the Pomonok Houses, there will be an event to promote gun safety.

Steven Newman commented regarding the board's election process for officers and stated that when the Board reviewed the By-Laws several years ago, it was agreed that the current process should stay as is because members thought it is very democratic. Mr. Newman asked for a follow-up regarding the letter that was forwarded to the Queens Borough Public Library after the January meeting.

Laura James stated that the Education Committee met on February 21, and there is no report because they are in the middle of business. She said that a letter was drafted and is being reviewed by committee members in regard to funds for additional high school seats. Ms. James said another meeting will be scheduled and a full report will follow.

Mohan Jethwani spoke about the CB election process.

Steve Behar spoke in regard to several church buses that are using the residential area in the vicinity of 67 Ave as a parking depot.

Paul DiBenedetto stated that the swearing-in ceremony for Bayside Historical Society's new members is on March 17. On Saturday, March 30, there will be a "My Childhood in Bayside" walk tour with Dr. Jack Eichenbaum. Events for the Bayside Historical Society can be reviewed at www.baysidehistorical.org.

PUBLIC HEARING

Fiscal Year 2014 Preliminary Budget – There were no registered public speakers. Susan Seinfeld will forward requests to the Office of the Mayor.

Committee Reports

Transportation – Bernard Haber, Co-Chair, gave the details involved with the Auburndale Slow Zone and applying for a slow zone. Discussion ensued on the negative and positive impact a slow zone has to the community.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Steve Newman chaired the CB11 election proceedings. Motions were made to nominate the Board Officers as follows:

Jerry Iannece was nominated for Chair. Motion was seconded and the consensus was unanimous to elect Jerry Iannece as Chair.

Christine Haider was nominated for First Vice Chair. Motion was seconded and the consensus was unanimous to elect Christine Haider as First Vice Chair.

Dennis Novick was nominated for Second Vice Chair. Motion was seconded and the consensus was unanimous to elect Dennis Novick as Second Vice Chair.

Laura James was nominated as Third Vice Chair. Motion was seconded and the consensus was unanimous to elect Laura James as Third Vice Chair.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Iannece at 8:37 pm.