

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 4, 2015

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

ATTENDANCE:

Christine L. Haider, Chair	Present	Laura James	Present
Sila Asa	Absent	Mohan Jethwani	Absent
Daniel Baek	Absent	George Karahalios	Present
Edith Basom	Present	Anthony Koutsouradis	Absent
Steven Behar	Present	Linda Lee	Absent
Lana Bind	Absent	Robert Liatto	Present
Susan Cerezo	Present	Janet McEneaney	Present
Ocelia Claro	Present	Melvyn Meer	Present
Paul DiBenedetto	Absent	George Mihaltses	Present
Mary Donahue	Present	Eileen Miller	Present
Henry Euler	Present	Douglas Montgomery	Absent
Mario Ferazzoli	Absent	Steven Newman	Absent
JoAnn Ferrari	Present	Allan Palzer	Present
Sonya Fierro-Gladwin	Present	Chris Petallides	Present
Jack Fried	Present	Stephen Pivawer	Present
Alim Gafar	Present	Christina Scherer	Present
Joan Garippa	Present	John Shehas	Present
Roy Giusetti	Present	Jessica Sin	Present
Lawrence Gresser	Present	Joseph Sollano	Present
Bernard Haber	Absent	Jyothi Sriram	Absent
Zion Halili	Present	Alex Yagudaev	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Christina Coutinho	Community Board 11 Associate
Captain William McBride	111 th Precinct Commanding Officer
Detective Neil Blainey	111 th Precinct Community Affairs Unit
Erin Rogers	Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic
Irene Cheung	Representing Council Member Mark Weprin
Casey Lajszky	Representing Assembly Member David Weprin
Anne Marie Boranian	Representing the Office of the Queens Borough President
Mike Yon	Representing Council Member Paul Vallone
Don Capalbi	Representing Congress Member Grace Meng
Matt Pafindi	Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chair, Christine Haider.

The Chair led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a moment of silence in honor of fallen NYPD Detective Brian Moore.

Captain William McBride gave the year-to-date crime statistics for the 111th Precinct. A question and answer period followed.

The public hearing scheduled on the meeting agenda was postponed by the applicant. A motion was made to accept the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Henry Euler. A vote by show of hands was taken resulting all in favor of revision.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Joel Schachner, Community Member Transportation Committee, spoke in regard to having Select Bus Service in CB11.

Karen Schwab, Director, Samuel Field Y, spoke in regard to programs for seniors offered at the Samuel Field Y.

Gregg Sullivan stated that next year, Bayside High School is celebrating its 80th anniversary. He spoke about events that will take place in order to prepare for this celebration.

Michael Feiner, President, Bayside Hills Civic Association stated that they will be conducting their annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 23rd.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 13th meeting. Henry Euler made one correction. The motion was seconded by Joe Sollano. The minutes were accepted with correction.

CORRESPONDENCE

Christine Haider made the following announcements:

On May 6th, the Dept. of City Planning will host an information session regarding the Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendments. Chris Petallides, Henry Euler and Mrs. Haider will be attending. City Planner, Scott Solomon, will make a presentation at the June public meeting covering the relevant parts for CB11.

Work on the Joe Hellman Overlook on Douglaston Parkway will start this month. It includes sidewalks and fences.

Mayor de Blasio released a report on “OneNY” which is an update of “PlanNYC” started by Mayor Bloomberg ten years ago. It is available online only. This is the City’s plan to establish goals for sustainability and resiliency for the next ten years.

Council Members Paul Vallone and Mark Weprin announced Participatory Budget results. In CB11, funding will be made available for a new music studio at Bayside High School, NYPD Security Cameras at locations chosen by the NYPD, fitness equipment in Alley Pond Park, gym renovations at Cardozo High School and technology upgrades at PS 18, PS 188, PS 213 and PS 811.

Mrs. Haider forwarded a second letter to City Council opposing term limits for board members. The City Council’s Government Operations Committee held a hearing on April 30th.

Ocelia Claro and Eileen Miller attended the informational session about the parking study on Bell Blvd.

Thanks were given to Henry Euler for his efforts having CB11 named the most tree-friendly district in NYC by the NYS DEC.

There will be a Tree Give-Away sponsored by the Douglas Garden Club on May 16th at APEC.

The Dept. of Finance 30-Day Tax Lien Notice list has been released. If homeowners do not enter an agreement to pay delinquent taxes by May 15th, the tax lien will be sold by the City and will result in foreclosure, if after one year, the debt has not been paid.

On April 23rd, Mrs. Haider was proud to receive an award from the Queens Borough President, Melinda Katz, for Women's History Month.

Susan Seinfeld sent out information in regard to LinkNYC, the plan to convert public payphones to WiFi centers. We have been asked for input regarding locations within CB11. Mrs. Haider stated that this can be discussed further during Board Member discussion.

Queens Library is asking for our support to request a \$65 million restoration in the operating expense budget and \$1.4 billion in capital funding in the ten-year capital plan. The letter was sent to the Library Committee along with a request for a resolution. Mrs. Haider asked the Library Committee if there was any progress in drafting a resolution.

The Parks Committee received a memo stating that there will be a public hearing on May 11th at the Dept. of Parks and Recreation. The intent is to award a concession for the Operation and Maintenance of an Indoor Sports Facility and Clubhouse at Cunningham Park. The Park is in CB8 and abuts CB11.

Mrs. Haider attended a breakfast meeting on April 21st at District Attorney Richard Brown's Office to meet the Director of Immigrant Affairs, Carmencita Gutierrez.

The Little Neck/Douglaston Memorial Day Parade is on Monday, May 25th. Step off time will be at 2:00 pm.

Aline Euler is recovering nicely. She is also being honored with a 2015 Queens Impact Award on May 14th.

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Eileen Miller gave an update on the meeting with the Bayside Village Business Improvement District public parking study. The study and project plans will be released online once they are finalized at www.baysidevillagebid.com.

Janet McEneaney stated that she is the Co-Chair for the NY Community Aviation Roundtable. Mrs. McEneaney spoke in regard to increased volume during peak hours on the Port Washington LIRR Line. Mrs. McEneaney is requesting an update. Mrs. Seinfeld has reached out to the Long Island Railroad Liaison and is awaiting a report.

Christina Scherer stated that she has noticed black soot coming from the chimney of IS 25 in the morning. She explained how children are in the yard and the substance is flying all around near the children.

Alim Gafar spoke in regard to graffiti on the underpass at the Douglaston LIRR. He also requested enforcement at the location to divert any misconduct.

Susan Cerezo announced that St. Anastasia Church is celebrating their 100th Anniversary in October.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded by Joe Sollano. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.