

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: November 5, 2012

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Susan Seinfeld	District Manager, Community Board 11
Christina Coutinho	Community Assistant, Community Board 11
P.O. Gary Poggiali	111 th Precinct, Community Affairs
Captain Frank Tarantola	111 th Precinct, Executive Officer
Mark Scott	Representing Queens Borough President Helen Marshall
Dan Halloran	Council Member
Meagan Chen	Representing Assembly Member Edward Braunstein
Alen R. Beerman	Representing Council Member Mark Weprin
Austin Shafran	Representing Governor Andrew Cuomo

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

Mr. Iannece called for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Iannece introduced newly appointed Executive Officer, Captain Frank Tarantola who gave the monthly community statistics for the 111th Precinct. Captain Tarantola stated that burglaries have increased. Specialized units from other precincts are helping to assist and patrol tours have been changed to allow more coverage at the problematic times. P.O. Poggiali asked for addresses where

the power is still out. Paul DiBenedetto asked the Captain for support with a situation that is happening in his neighborhood.

Austin Shafran, representing the Office of the Governor, stated that he was leaving fliers with information on Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief for Businesses.

PRESENTATION

Robert Miller, representing the USDA gave a presentation regarding the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Mr. Miller gave out information about the Asian Longhorned Beetle.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Isaac Mussfi said that his vehicle was hit by another vehicle and was asking for support to help fight his claim. Mr. Mussfi spoke to Captain Tarantola.

Mr. Iannece suspended public participation to introduce Council Member Dan Halloran who spoke about the preparation that took place before Hurricane Sandy. He also gave an update as to what is happening around the district since the storm. A question and answer period followed.

Public participation resumed.

Brian Hallinan, Member Douglaston Chamber of Commerce, is requesting community participation to help build up Douglaston Village.

Vincent Biondolillo spoke about muni-meters being installed on 33 Avenue, one block in from Francis Lewis Blvd.

David Solano spoke about the Bayside High School CTE programs and the need for internship positions in the Computer Programming & Web Design curriculum. He stated that if someone was employed by a company that allowed internships and would like to help Bayside High School's CTE program, please have them contact CB11 and information would be forward to him.

Jack Oshier stated that the Bayside Manor Apartments' management company is not supporting the tenants with the issue of homeless people and the locking of basement doors.

Tom Pinto, President Doug-Bay Civic asked the Capital and Expense Committee to add a request to dredge or maintain the waterfront of the Doug-Bay area to the Capital and Expense Budget Priority List.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jerry Iannece asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 10th meeting. The minutes were approved with a correction to the names listed on the roll call vote for BSA 30-58 BZ and BSA 85-91 BZ. The minutes were approved with correction.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jerry Iannece made the following announcements:

There were over 300 out-of-state crews to help address the power outages from Hurricane Sandy.

Susan Seinfeld has been in contact with the 111th Precinct regarding the limited gas supply.

Susan Seinfeld, Henry Euler and Christina Scherer attended a meeting for the DEP Alley Creek Long Term Control Plan.

Council Member Dan Halloran will be hosting a NYC Participatory Budget meeting on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 pm at the Community Church of Little Neck.

The 111th Precinct Council monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15th at 7:30 pm.

Congratulations were given to Mario Ferazzoli on the birth of his twins.

Mr. Iannece urged everyone to exercise their right to vote on Election Day.

The National Emergency Grant Fund will be offering jobs for eligible, unemployed people to help with the storm clean-up. For information call CB11.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry Euler stated that the walkways that go under the Long Island Rail Road at the Clearview Expressway are deteriorating and are in need of repair.

Mohan Jethwani stated that Bayside Little League is collecting donations for Hurricane Sandy victims. Mr. Iannece stated that you can also donate to the American Red Cross.

Frank Skala stated that he met a couple of utility workers from other states that were helping.

Christine Haider suggested that CB11 draft and forward a letter to Con Ed about installing underground wires. Susan Seinfeld stated that she spoke to a Con Ed Representative who said that if a homeowner wanted underground wires they would be installed at a \$15,000., cost to the homeowner. A discussion period ensued as to why the homeowner has to pay for the installation of underground wires. Janet McEaney requested that Susan Seinfeld speak to Con Ed and get more information in regard to installing underground wires.

BSA Cal. No. 68-91 BZ – 223-15 Union Turnpike, Gulf Gas Station listed on tonight's agenda for public hearing has been postponed by the applicant and rescheduled for December 3, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARING

BSA Cal. No. 252-15 BZ – 39-39 223 Street/223-01/15/19 Mia Drive - An application to legalize an existing non-complying rear yard. The applicant's representative was unable to attend tonight's public hearing. Christine Haider, Zoning Committee Chair, stated that four houses were built on one lot. She said that in 2004, it was determined by the DOB that this property met the criteria for a "through lot" and allowed four houses to be built. Mrs. Haider stated that is incorrect because the last house abuts parkland and eight years later the DOB reversed the decision. She said that the applicant is applying for a variance to legalize the fourth house. Mrs. Haider read the committee report of October 17, 2012. The committee voted unanimously to recommend disapproval of the application. There was one registered public speaker who was opposed to the approval of requested variance. There were no questions from the general public. Mr. Iannece stated that Senator Tony Avella sent him a letter of objection to the approval of the variance. A question and answer period followed. A motion was

made to approve the application. A discussion ensued as to how the structures never should have been built in the manner they presently exist. Mel Meer said there was case law in a recent St. Mary's Hospital lawsuit in which DOB determined that the area between the lot and the Cross Island Parkway was parkland and not a "through lot" and applies to all properties adjacent to the Cross Island Parkway in Bayside. The motion was seconded by Mario Ferazzoli. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 0 in favor, 37 opposed (Opposed – Behar, Berrios, Cerezo, DiBenedetto, Doster, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fierro-Gladwin, Fiorino, Garippa, Haber, Haider, Halili, Iannece, James, Jethwani, Keit, Kim, Koutsouradis, Liatto, Macinick, McEaney, Meara, Meer, Miller, Montgomery, Newman, Palzer, Petallides, Pivawer, Renner, Rothman, Scherer, Skala, Sollano, Sriram, Teng) The motion was denied.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital and Expense Budget Committee Co-Chairs, Joan Garippa and Steven Newman reviewed the items submitted for the Capital and Expense Budget for FY2014. A question and answer period followed. Jyothi Sriram requested that the maintenance of Doug-Bay waterfront be included. Mr. Newman advised Ms. Sriram that this request will have to be submitted and reviewed for FY2015. A motion was made to approve the Capital and Expense Priority List. The motion was seconded by Ed Doster. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 30 in favor, 0 opposed (In favor – Behar, Cerezo, DiBenedetto, Doster, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fiorino, Garippa, Haber, Haider, Halili, Iannece, James, Jethwani, Keit, Kim, Koutsouradis, McEaney, Meer, Miller, Montgomery, Newman, Palzer, Petallides, Pivawer, Renner, Rothman, Scherer, Sollano, Sriram) The motion carried.

Mr. Iannece wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Iannece at 9:08 pm.