MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 9, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Christina Coutinho	Community Assistant, Community Board 11
Deputy Inspector Jason Huerta	111th Precinct, Commanding Officer
P.O. John Erdman	111th Precinct, Community Affairs Unit
P.O. Terrence Skinner	School Safety
P.O. Charles Tirnau	School Safety
Barry Grodenchik	Deputy Borough President
Mark Scott	Representing Queens Borough President Helen Marshall
Andrea Kruzynsk	Representing Assembly Member David Weprin
Seth Urbinder	Representing Senator Tony Avella
Megan Keane	Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic
Victor Mimoni	Representing Council Member Dan Halloran
Irene Cheung	Representing Council Member Mark Weprin
Steven Masillo	Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein
Joanne Choi	Representing Congress Member Grace Meng
Michael Stinson	Representing Congress Member Steve Israel

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Boy Scout, George Mostakos, Troop 268.

Mr. Iannece announced that District Manager, Susan Seinfeld is currently out on medical leave due to breaking both her arms. He wished her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Iannece congratulated the newly appointed Deputy Inspector, Jason Huerta on his promotion.

Deputy Inspector Huerta gave the year-to-date crime statistics within the 111th Precinct.

Deputy Borough President, Barry Grodenchik, on behalf of Borough President Helen Marshall, presented Community Board Service Awards to Frank Skala, Gordon Keit and Mario Farazzoli for 10 years of service and Joseph Sollano for 30 years of service.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lyle Sclair, Executive Director, Bayside BID announced the upcoming events on Bell Blvd.

Arline Abdalian, Vice President, Friends of the Douglaston/Little Neck Library stated that the Mayor's proposed budget cuts to the Queens Library have been fully restored and she thanked everyone for signing petitions against the proposal. Ms. Abdalian stated that although the operating budget was restored, the Queens Library still needs help with the purchasing of books. Flyers were handed out for the Buy-A-Book program.

Assemblymember Nily Rozic's representative, Megan Keane, announced the grand opening of the Assemblymember's district office on September 15th.

Moses McKoy stated that he has seen motorbikes being driven with children riding on the back and cars and trucks are speeding on the Clearview Expressway Service Road. He stated nothing is being done to stop these two dangerous conditions.

PRESENTATION

Mike Schade, Market Campaign Coordinator, Center for Health Environment & Justice gave a presentation regarding the Green and Healthy School Campaign. He asked that the Community Board pass a resolution requesting the DOE and SCA help create safer and healthy schools that are PVC-free.

Mr. Iannece presented a 15-year Community Service Award to Steve Pivawer on behalf of Mr. Grodenchik.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jerry Iannece asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 10th meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jerry Iannece made the following announcements:

Congratulations were given to Daniel Baek on the birth of his daughter.

Congratulations were given to Linda Lee who was recently married.

The Dept. of Health has sprayed for West Nile Virus. The DOH sprays where traps have tested positive for the West Nile Virus.

Susan Seinfeld was in contact with the architect for the houses on 47 Avenue and 198 Street who advised her that they were working with the DOB on legalizing the houses in order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

Susan and Christine Haider had a site visit with the owner of the houses at 183 Street and Horace Harding Expressway. Ms. Haider said that there are many issues in regard to the construction of the homes and the lack of property maintenance. She said that she is waiting for the DOB to forward the amended building plans. Mrs. Haider thanked Susan Seinfeld for arranging meeting. Mr. Iannece stated that elected officials need to help with this issue.

Thanks were given to Heidi Wrjedt for removal of debris at the circle at Browvale Lane and Van Zandt Avenue.

On July 20, the Bayside Library reopened.

Congratulations were given to the 111th Police Community Council for conducting a very successful National Night Out.

HMart on Francis Lewis Blvd. had their grand opening on August 17.

The City Council hearing for the proposed elementary school at 48th Avenue was scheduled for September 3 but has been postponed until after November. The SCA and the DOE have eliminated CB11 in any discussion or scheduling of meetings.

Borough Budget Consultations are scheduled for September 24, October 2 and October 11. Christine Haider and Dennis Novick will be filling in for Susan Seinfeld.

Saturday, September 28, is National Estuaries Day at APEC. Volunteers are needed to host a table representing CB11.

The Borough President recommended disapproval of the City Planning Commission ULURP Number N130331ZRY-Flood Resilience Zoning Text Amendment.

Claudia Filomena, our former CAU liaison, has moved on to a different position and her replacement is Dominic Panakal, the former Chief of Staff for former Assemblymember Rory Lancman.

The BSA public hearing for Cal. No. 339-12 BZ, 252-29 Northern Blvd, has been calendared for Tuesday, September 24.

The Bayside Hills Civic Association will be conducting their annual 9/11 Observance Ceremony at 7:00 pm at Bell Blvd. and Horace Harding Expressway.

CB11 has been advised that a watch manufacturing company with 348 employees has inquired about occupying the former Leviton property. A meeting was originally scheduled for September 12 but was postponed. A new date will be scheduled and an update will be given to the Board.

Congratulations to the Church of Holy Martyrs for a very successful annual festival on Saturday, September 7.

The Bayside BID will conduct their second annual Sidewalk Sale along Bell Blvd. on September 27 through 29.

Mr. Iannece reminded everyone that tomorrow is Primary Day and urged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Skala stated that the illegal illuminated sign in front of Bayside High School was finally removed. He also stated that merchants, especially the restaurant and bar owners, on Bell Blvd. and 41 Avenue are not maintaining their sidewalks and street fronts. He said that the odor and debris on Saturday and Sunday morning is unbearable.

Mr. Iannece stated that Ted Teng will be sponsoring a free academic forum at Advanced Teaching Initiative Co. on Saturday, September 21.

Henry Euler gave thanks to Susan Seinfeld for her assistance on the removal of debris at Francis Lewis Blvd. and 47 Avenue.

Christine Haider thanked Susan Seinfeld for her assistance with the removal of a dead City tree two days prior to Super Storm Sandy that was in front of her house and also the recent removal of the stump. She also said that the DSNY has to be careful when they drive down the block because their trucks are breaking the tree branches.

Janet McEneaney spoke about the problematic traffic build-up on the southbound Clearview Express for the LIE westbound/eastbound ramp. Mr. Iannece stated that this topic is on the Transportation Committee meeting agenda. Ms. McEneaney gave several dates for upcoming meetings for the fight against airplane noise. Information can be obtained at queensquietskies.com

Susan Cerezo gave thanks to Susan Seinfeld for her assistance with DOT in regard to the installation of a Stop sign at 242 Street and 65 Avenue.

Paul DiBenedetto gave the current events that are being hosted by the Bayside Historical Society.

Mamie Smith stated that any young person that will be eligible to vote for the general election that is not registered can pick-up an application at the primary voting polls.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CB11 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities – To solicit input from the community for new capital and expense budget items for submission in the FY 2015 City budget.

Register speakers:

Walter Mugdan, asked for support of the Udalls Cove Preservation Committee's request to complete the acquisition of privately-owned land within the perimeter of what is designated to be Udalls Cove Park.

Jay Koellner asked for support of the Bayside Hills Civic Association's request for funds for the beautification of the Bayside Hills Malls.

Michael Feiner reinforced Mr. Koellner's request for funds for the Bayside Hills Malls.

Lyle Sclair asked for support of the Bayside BID's request to complete the streetscape project and also requested the building of a parking garage at the municipal parking lot.

Committee Reports

Aviation Committee, Joan Garippa and Andrew Rothman, Co-Chairs – A resolution to support a bill that would require the Port Authority of NY/NJ to conduct a noise and land use compatibility study.

Andy Rothman summarized the proposed resolution. Discussion ensued as to the lack of the Port Authority conducting any kind of noise or environmental studies in regard to aircraft flying over our community. A motion was made to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Christine Haider. Ms. Haider stated that there is a "no fly zone" over College Point, Queens that is still in effect. Mr. Iannece commended the Aviation Committee, Environmental Committee and Janet McEneaney for all their efforts regarding this matter. A vote was taken by show of hands. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Joan Garippa, Capital and Expense Co-Chair reminded everyone that Capital and Expense forms can still be submitted to CB11 office.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Iannece at 9:30 pm.