

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

October 3, 2022

Michael Budabin – Chair

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present

John Liu

State Senator

Vicky Paladino

Council Member

Susannah Go

Representing Assembly Rozic

Jon Gallo

Representing State Senator Liu

David Troise

Representing State Senator Stavisky

Joyce Cho

Representing Council Member Lee

Irene Cheung

Representing Assembly Member Braunstein

Nicole Kiprilov

Representing Council Member Paladino

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair, Michael Budabin.

Mr. Budabin led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

State Senator John Liu stated that district boundary lines have changed; therefore, due to his place of residence, he will no longer cover the majority of CB11. He also spoke about how this year, the Senate passed a bill regarding class size. Class sizes will be reduced with a six-year phase in until classes are at the legal limit. He asked the Board for input for locations to build new schools. Mr. Budabin suggested the Education Committee schedule a meeting to discuss potential school locations and the criteria required.

Council Member Vicky Paladino discussed student misbehavior at 48th Avenue and Bell Blvd. and how overcrowding in the schools must be addressed. She also spoke about flooding from the recent storm.

Susannah Go, representing Assembly Nily Rozic, spoke regarding upcoming events. She left flyers for the public.

Irene Cheung, representing Assembly Member Braunstein, said their office is located at 38-39 Bell Blvd. and can be reached at 718.357.3588.

Davis Troise, representing State Senator Toby Stavisky, stated that due to the change of district boundary lines, the Senator will cover a wider area of CB11.

Joyce Cho, representing Council Member Linda Lee, spoke regarding participatory budgeting and upcoming events.

Sean Walsh spoke regarding the rezoning of the Mizumi property and the homeless shelter on Northern Blvd. He said there is a lack of transparency between residents and local government officials.

Paul Graziano spoke regarding the City Council's rezoning vote for the Mizumi property and how he was disappointed in Council Member Paladino's vote. He went through his fact check list.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Dawn Anatra, Adriana Aviles, Lana Bind, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferazzoli, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Roy Giusetti, Michael Golia, George Hadjiconstantinou, Mohan Jethwani, Jena Lanzetta, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Wendy Pelle-Ber, Stephen Pivawer, Gunjan Rastogi, Benjamin Turner

Members Absent

Lourdes December, Mary Donahue, Michelle Fields, Elias Fillas, Christopher Fuentes-Padilla, Rosemarie Giudice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, John Kelly, Karen Mazza, Askar Patel, Stephan Popa, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Sam Wong

Mr. Budabin explained voting procedures and conflict of interests when voting. He stated that a yes vote, is a yes vote; a no vote, is a no vote; an abstain vote is when you choose not to vote on an issue and is equivalent to a no vote and counts as a no vote. If you are counted in the attendance and you leave the meeting during the vote without notice, you are counted as an abstained vote; a present vote is when there is a conflict of interest. A present vote does not get counted as a no vote. A conflict of interest means that there is a direct financial or a familial conflict and must be discussed in advance with the Board Chair.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2022, meeting by Mr. Jethwani. The motion was seconded by Ms. Collado. There were no corrections or additions. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 31 in favor and 1 present. The minutes were approved as written.

(In favor - Dawn Anatra, Adriana Aviles, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferazzoli, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Roy Giusetti, Michael Golia, George Hadjiconstantinou, Mohan Jethwani, Jena Lanzetta, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Wendy Pelle-Ber, Stephen Pivawer, Gunjan Rastogi, Benjamin Turner – Present- Lana Bind)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Budabin spoke regarding Committee meetings that were held over the past month. He thanked the Committee Chairs and those who attended. He said this month the following Committee meetings have been scheduled; Government Affairs, Public Relations, Capital and Expense and Environmental.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Fleur Martino suggested a Board Member get together. Board Members should contact Ms. Martino directly. Mr. Budabin said an email will be forwarded to Board Members.

Mr. Euler gave an update regarding the open Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) cases. Regarding the BSA application for the monopole, he discussed how the area is still full of debris. The BSA has been informed of the situation. He also discussed the rezoning of the Mizumi property. He said that the Board missed the opportunity to testify at the hearing; there was no notice. Mr. Euler said that the local Council Member approved the application with modifications and the rezoning went further then presented to the Board. Mr. Budabin said that a letter should be sent to BSA regarding the monopole. He also said a letter will be sent to local elected officials asking them to inform the Board office when there are meetings and if they can give updates.

Dawn Anatra spoke regarding the homeless shelter. She said solutions are needed. The shelter is not going to serve the guests or the community properly. She suggested permanent housing and teaching the guests a trade i.e., painting furniture. Mr. Budabin asked Mr. Marziliano to follow up regarding CAB meetings.

Paul DiBenedetto spoke regarding the Mizumi property and rezoning. This strip of Northern Blvd. is now commercial use and if Mizumi was to leave, it will still be commercial. There will be as-of-right development and the CB would have no input. He discussed how the Council Member discussed her thoughts at a CB11 Committee meeting but changed her views without speaking to the CB for input.

Douglas Montgomery spoke regarding the BSA application for the former Macy's property and how there was a condition regarding security. The management company has now hired security.

Albert Galatan stated that the upcoming Government Affairs Committee meeting has room for another bill to be reviewed.

Robert Liatto stated that the 111th Precinct is understaffed and how this is a problem. He also discussed about the push for violations for commercial parking. Mr. Marziliano stated that Captain Portalatin has been transferred and there will be a new Commending Officer starting soon. He also said there have been several tow operations within the confines of CB11.

C. Omarr Evans asked for support regarding the problematic construction delay at PS 31. There is severe damage due to the construction not being completed and secured properly. He asked for a letter of support and help in this matter. Mr. Budabin asked Mr. Chew to add this item to the next agenda of the Education Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING

Capital and Expense – New submissions for Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. There were no registered speakers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee – Justin Chew, Committee Chair, discussed two Committee meetings that reviewed the NYC School Discipline Code. There have been three shootings involving students from Cardozo, Francis Lewis and Bayside high schools. The Committee voted in favor of sending

a letter to the Department of Education (DOE) asking for additional information. Mr. Budabin added a line to have a representative from the DOE come before the Board to discuss the issues raised. A motion was made, with the addition of a representative coming to speak to the full Board by Mr. Liatto. The motion was seconded by Ms. Aviles. Discussion on the motion. Ms. Aviles said the address of the DOE needs to be corrected. The motion was amended to correct the address. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 33 in favor. The motion carried.

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Nicole Kiprilov, representing Council Member Vicky Paladino, stated that over a period of time CM Paladino had several discussions regarding the rezoning of the Mizumi property. She reviewed and discussed Mr. Graziano's facts. She stated that the CM took the CB and everyone into consideration when she voted. The CM held meetings and distributed information.

Council Member Paladino stated that she took everything in consideration; she said she cut the rezoning by over 500 ft. and discussed environmental procedures for the site. She said the area is an eyesore and the community will benefit from the rezoning.

Mr. Budabin addressed CM Paladino by stating that the Committee was clear that they were not supporting the rezoning and how at the meeting, the CM stated she was not in support. If the CM changed her mind there should have been further discussion. The CB was not given the opportunity to discuss that with the CM. If meetings were held with additional information and ideas, the CB should have been informed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM