

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

*November 7, 2022*

*Michael Budabin – Chair*

**PRESENT AT MEETING**

*CB 11 Staff:*

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

Jane Bentivenga – Community Coordinator

*Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present*

Jon Gallo

Representing State Senator Liu

Joyce Choi

Representing Council Member Lee

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**

Jon Gallo, representing State Senator Liu, spoke regarding events sponsored by the Senator.

Nicole Kiprilov, representing Council Member Paladino, stated that if someone wanted to join the CM's mailing list they can call the office.

Joyce Choi, representing Council Member Lee, spoke regarding events sponsored by the Council Member.

**ROLL CALL**

*Members Present*

Dawn Anatra, Adriana Aviles, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadrás, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferazzoli, Michelle Fields, Albert Galatan, Joan Garrappa, Roy Giusetti, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber (late), Christine Haider, Laura James (late), Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Karen Mazza, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Akshar Patel (late), Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong

*Members Absent*

Lana Bind, Elias Fillas, Jack Fried, Christopher Fuentes-Padilla, Michael Golia, George Hadjiconstantinou, Yousef Lee, George Mihaltzes, Gunjan Rastogi

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2022, meeting by Fleur Martino. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. There were no corrections or additions. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 30 in favor and 6 abstentions. 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, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferazzoli, Michelle Fields, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Roy Giusetti, Rosemarie Guidice, Christine Haider, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Wendy Pelle-Ber, Stephen Pivawer, Christina Scherer, Benjamin Turner – Abstain – Lourdes December, Mohan Jethwani, Karen Mazza, Stephan Popa, Jyothi Sriram, Sam Wong)*

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Budabin stated that the office will be closed on the following days, Tuesday, in observance of Election Day and Friday, in honor of Veteran's Day. Mr. Budabin urged everyone to exercise their right to vote. The office reached out to PS 31 and construction has resumed. Mr. Budabin said the office will continue to monitor.

## BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Euler give an update on two open Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) applications. The first application was for the former Macy's site which was granted. The second application was for the monopole which was closed and awaiting a decision. Mr. Euler announced that Chair Perlmutter will be stepping down from the BSA and Vice-Chair Chandra will be taking her place. Mr. Euler gave a preview on new cases that might be coming up soon.

Mrs. Miller read a portion of the last Transportation Committee report and made a correction. Mr. Budabin asked for comments to be sent to the office.

Mr. Galatan completed another NYC Marathon. Congratulations were given.

Ms. Scherer stated that this Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct Build-A-Block meeting.

Mr. Budabin announced the meetings that took place last month.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Capital and Expense*** – Adoption of the CB11 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024. Mr. Marziliano discussed the additions. A motion was made to approve as written by Mr. Popa. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liatto. Discussion ensued regarding changes and additions. Ms. Sriram spoke regarding the Douglaston LIRR station. This was removed because it is not a City property. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 30 in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstention. The motion carried.

*(In-favor - Dawn Anatra, Adriana Aviles, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferazzoli, Michelle Fields, Joan Garippa, Roy Giusetti, Rosemarie Guidice, Christine Haider, Laura James, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino,*

Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Wendy Pelle-Ber, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Christina Scherer, Benjamin Turner – *Opposed* – Victor Dadras, Albert Galatan, John Kelly, Karen Mazza, Jyothi Sriram, Sam Wong – *Abstain* – Mohan Jethwani)

**Government Affairs/Legal Committee** – Examination and support of Bills No. S6420A and 8318B regarding unsolicited disclosures of an intimate image. Albert Galatan, Committee Chair, stated that he supports these bills. The Committee recommended sending a letter of support to our local elected officials. A motion was made to forward a letter of support for Bills S6420A and 8318B by Mr. Popa. The motion was seconded by Mr. Galatan. Discussion ensued regarding the violation charge that would be given for these offenses. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 35 in favor and 2 abstentions. The motion carried.

*(In-favor* - Dawn Anatra, Adriana Aviles, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferazzoli, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Roy Giusetti, Rosemarie Guidice, Christine Haider, Laura James, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Karen Mazza, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Wendy Pelle-Ber, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong – *abstain* - Michelle Fields, Mohan Jethwani)

The next item discussed was Bill S8783B which seeks to legalize basement apartments and accessory dwellings. This bill is similar to the proposed bill by the Governor regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). The Committee recommended not to support this bill. A motion was made to forward a letter **not** supporting this bill by Mr. Euler. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Haider. Discussion ensued regarding how there is a movement to remove community board's input regarding land use applications and how a plan needs to be made to help the affordable housing issue. It was discussed how this bill does not help the affordable housing crisis. Ms. Pelle-Ber stated how homeowners of one- and two-family units, that are unsafe, need to be held accountable to have safe units. She believes that this bill is to set up a process where homeowners with these types of units can legalize them. She asked if this was discussion regarding how the community board is cut from any oversight or are we considering safety for units that are unsafe? Mr. Turner asked if there would be permits issued for ADU's? Mr. DiBenedetto stated that it would be difficult for the Department of Buildings to monitor the increase of these units. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 32 in favor, 3 opposed, 3 abstained and 1 present. The motion carried.

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**Environmental Committee** – Henry Euler, Committee Chair, reviewed a resolution regarding the use of gas-powered leaf blowers. He discussed electric leaf blowers. A motion was made by Mr. Euler to approve the draft resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Popa. Mrs. Miller wanted to add that the Board started this process in 2015. Mr. Euler and Mr. Popa accepted the addition. Discussion ensued regarding the impact to homeowners if they are required to purchase electric leaf blowers. Mr. Patel discussed an electric leaf blower bill that is currently being discussed in

the New York State Senate and how it will be implemented. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 34 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstention. The motion carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM