

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

January 8, 2024

Paul DiBenedetto – Chair

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:

Ludy Thenor
Evelyn Mallo
Lois Marbach
Jon Gallo
Jess Muller
Kate Boehme
Jamilla Uddin

Representing Queens Borough President Richards
Representing Council Member Paladino
Representing Council Member Lee
Representing State Senator Liu
Representing Assembly Member Braunstein
Representing Queens DA Katz
Representing Assembly Member Rozic

111th Precinct

PO Corey – Community Affairs Unit

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Chair, Paul DiBenedetto

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Martino introduced students from PS 41 that are participating in a program with New York Blood Center called Young Doctors. They gave a well-orchestrated presentation on the importance of donating blood. Parent Coordinator, Ms. Paik, thanked everyone for allowing the students to attend tonight's meeting and she urged everyone to donate on January 19th.

Jess Mueller, representing AM Braunstein, on behalf of the AM, thanked everyone for a successful toy drive this holiday season.

Jamilla Uddin, representing AM Rozic, spoke regarding upcoming events hosted by the AM.

Kate Boehme, representing DA Katz, spoke regarding a recent drug take down and a major drug ring that was shut down in Queens that stretched into other parts of New York State.

Evelyn Mallo, representing CM Paladino, spoke regarding upcoming events hosted by the CM.

Ludy Thenor, representing QBPO, stated that the application process to be a Board Member has started. She also spoke regarding upcoming events.

PO Corey spoke regarding crime prevention and the monthly crime stats within the district.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Lana Bind, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Michelle Fields, Elias Fillas, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, Rosemarie Guidice, George Hadjiconstantinou, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, Travis Kessel, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Karen Mazza, Eileen Miller, Stephen Pivawer, Ann Puckett, Gunjan Rastogi, Megan Rha, Seihee Ryu, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, David White, Sam Wong

Members Absent

Dawn Anatra, Adriana Aviles, Susan Cerezo, C. Omarr Evans, Jack Fried, Christopher Fuentes-Padilla, Roy Giusetti, Tim Hao, Matthew Mamak, George Mihaltzes, Douglas Montgomery, Akshar Patel, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Benjamin Turner

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December 2023, meeting by Ms. Fields. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jethwani. There were no corrections or additions. A vote by show of hands was taken resulting unanimously in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Construction started on the upper portion of Alley Pond Park; this is a project to remove an underground oil tank. An illegal solid security gate was installed at 250-14 Northern Blvd. Mr. Dadras advised the office. On January 5, 2024, there was another car accident involved with the jersey barriers on the Northern Blvd. bike lane. There will be a meeting with DOT to discuss this issue and how this is the first item on our Capital and Expense Budget Priority request list. There will be construction in areas of northeast Queens to replace above ground power lines to underground. There was tour of the Women's Shelter on Northern Blvd.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Collado spoke regarding 203rd Street and 35th Avenue. There was a request for a traffic light which was installed. She said that a daylighting sign needs to be installed. Mr. Dadras and Ms. Lanzetta took note of this request.

Mr. Euler thanked Ms. Martino for putting together the presentation made by the students of PS 41 regarding the blood drive.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

North Bayside/East Flushing – BSA Application #2023-70 BZ – 215-24 24th Avenue

Jena Lanzetta, Committee Chair, introduced the applicant, Ms. Orrantia, who gave a presentation on an application to the Board of Standards and Appeals to legalize a modest enlargement of a single-family home that is in a R1-2 zoning district. This variance is needed because this site is unique and irregular. This is a flag lot that is in the middle of a tax block. In 2021-2022, the property was horizontally and vertically improved and modernized. The original dwelling was estimated at 2700 sq. ft.; after the construction the dwelling is estimated at 3900 sq. ft. There is a rear yard requirement of 30 sq. ft.; this property has 26 sq. ft. A motion was made to approve this application by Mr. Ferazzoli. This motion was seconded by Ms. Lanzetta. Discussion ensued on how this was not done properly when the improvements were made. Ms. Lanzetta stated that the homeowners were misled by the contractor, and they are trying to correct. A roll vote was taken resulting in 31 in favor and 1 present. This motion carried.

(*In-favor* - Lana Bind, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Michelle Fields, Elias Fillas, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, Rosemarie Guidice, George Hadjiconstantinou, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, Travis Kessel, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Karen Mazza, Eileen Miller, Stephen Pivawer, Ann Puckett, Gunjan Rastogi, Megan Rha, Seihee Ryu, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Sam Wong – *Present* – David White)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Parks – Committee Chair, Mr. DiBenedetto stated that there was a Committee meeting to discuss the two streets that enter Alley Pond Park. These streets could be used to expand the park. Additional information is being gathered and local civics will be getting involved. There will be an interagency meeting to discuss this topic in length. There will be a Parks Committee meeting on January 24, 2024.

Public Relations – This meeting was postponed by the Committee Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM