

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

*May 6, 2024*

*Paul DiBenedetto – Chair*

**PRESENT AT MEETING**

*CB 11 Staff:*

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

*Elected Officials and/or Representatives:*

Evelyn Mallo

Representing Council Member Paladino

Justin Connor

Representing Congress Member Suozzi

Megan Yuan

Mayor's Community Affairs Unit

Jess Mueller

Representing Assembly Member Braunstein

Kate Boehme

Representing Queens DA Katz

Maria DiLeone

Representing Congress Member Meng

Sila Asa

Representing Council Member Lee

Lucia Paredes

Representing Council Member Ung

Anthony Iuliano

Mayor's Community Affairs Unit

Ludy Shaw

Representing Queens Borough President Richards

*FDNY:*

Battalion Chief Jim Miller

*NYPD:*

PO Tom Corey – 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs Unit

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chair, Paul DiBenedetto.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Felicia Reciniello spoke regarding the design of a building located at 33-03 213 Street. She asked how the plans for this building got approved by the Dept. of Buildings ( DOB). Mr. DiBenedetto said that the DOB was looking into this matter and so far, there are no illegal findings.

John Gomez spoke regarding the building use located at 33-03 213 Street.

Wendy Li spoke regarding events happening in the future.

Maria DiLeone, representing Congress Member Meng, spoke regarding upcoming events.

Kate Boheme, representing DA Katz, spoke regarding illegal squatters and how the DA is working on these issues.

Sila Asa, representing Council Member Lee, spoke regarding upcoming events.

Lucia Paredes, representing Council Member Ung, spoke regarding upcoming events.

Ludy Shaw, representing Queens Borough President Richards, spoke regarding upcoming events.

Evelyn Mallo, representing Council Member Paladino, spoke regarding upcoming events.

PO Corey gave the monthly crime stats.

## **ROLL CALL**

### *Members Present*

Lana Bind, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferazzoli, Michelle Fields, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, Rosemarie Guidice, George Hadjiconstantinou, Tim Hao, Mohan Jethwani, Robert Liatto, Matthew Mamak, Karen Mazza, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Stephen Pivawer, Ann Puckett, Megan Rha, Seihee Ryu, Amesh Saracha, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, John Sullivan, Eileen Taylor, Benjamin Turner, David White, Sam Wong, Athena Wu, Mina Youn

### *Members Absent*

Adriana Aviles, Elias Fillas, Laura James, Travis Kessel, Jena Lanzetta, Fleur Martino, Kenneth O'Keefe, Akshar Patel, Gunjan Rastogi, Ralph Ruiz

## **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 2024 meeting by Mr. Hadjiconstantinou. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fried. There were no corrections or additions. A vote by a show of hands was taken resulting unanimously in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

*(In-favor - Lana Bind, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferazzoli, Michelle Fields, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, Rosemarie Guidice, George Hadjiconstantinou, Tim Hao, Mohan Jethwani, Robert Liatto, Matthew Mamak, Karen Mazza, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Stephen Pivawer, Ann Puckett, Megan Rha, Seihee Ryu, Amesh Saracha, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, John Sullivan, Eileen Taylor, Benjamin Turner, David White, Sam Wong, Athena Wu, Mina Youn)*

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Mr. DiBenedetto attended the Queens Civic Congress bi-annual luncheon. At this event, Mike Feiner (Bayside Hills Civic Association) and other civic leaders were honored for their service to the community. Paul Graziano was a presenter and spoke regarding the negative impact the City of Yes will have on communities. Mr. DiBenedetto attended a public meeting at the Cambria Heights Queens Library regarding the Mayor's proposed City of Yes. This part of Queens will be highly impacted by this proposal. CB11 will be voting on a portion of this proposal at the June meeting. Mr. DiBenedetto attended two rallies regarding squatters. These meetings were well attended. This is an issue that was discussed at CB11 April meeting. Elected officials are working on passing laws to protect homeowners. The Knights of Columbus-owned building on Bell Blvd. has finally regained possession of the property after being a victim of deed fraud. Through the SMOKEOUT Act, the Office of Sheriff will be able to deputize the NYPD and all other agencies

to help padlock illegal smoke shops that are close to a school, sell to minors and hold firearms on site. The CB11 office submitted a Neighborhood Support Team request through the Mayor's office regarding illegal smoke shops. Douglaston Local Development Corporation had their annual meeting. At this meeting, Walter Mudgan spoke regarding Udall's Cove. On April 29th, there was a site visit at the median project on Union Turnpike on Hollis Hills regarding asbestos remediation. Bayside has been chosen by the Historical Districts Council as part of their yearly "Six-to-Celebrate" series that focuses on preserving important local, historic buildings in neighborhoods. Mr. DiBenedetto filed on behalf of the Bayside Historical Society.

### **BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Euler stated that the four sliver properties that were voted on have been approved for submission. Mr. Euler spoke regarding two issues: a Fed-Ex business located at 192 Street south of Northern Blvd. Their trucks are blocking traffic and the second issue, the Auburndale Homeowners Improvement Association requested a traffic study from the Dept. of Transportation regarding Utopia Parkway to Northern Blvd. Mr. Euler asked Mr. Iuliano if the Mayor's Town Hall meeting in northeast Queens had been scheduled.

Mr. Hadjiconstantinou discussed the Pembroke Community Garden event scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. White also discussed the Pembroke Community Garden event scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Ryu spoke in Korean regarding the Pembroke Garden event.

Mr. Euler gave an update on the private matter with a neighbor and Star Toyota.

Mr. DiBenedetto invited Mr. Iuliano and Ms. Yuan to speak. Mr. Iuliano discussed upcoming events hosted by the Mayor. He will advise the CB11 office with a date for the Mayor's Town Hall meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM