

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

*September 9, 2024
Paul DiBenedetto – Chair*

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

Elected Officials and/or Representatives:

Jamilla Uddin

Representing Assembly Member Rozic

Patrick Jordan

Representing Queens Borough President Richards

Jess Mueller

Representing Assembly Member Braunstein

Rokeya Akhter

Representing Queens DA Katz

Sila Asa

Representing Council Member Lee

Lucia Pardes

Representing Council Member Ung

Evelyn Mallo

Representing Council Member Paladino

Jon Gallo

Representing State Senator Liu

NYPD:

PO Tom Corey – 111th Precinct Community Affairs Unit

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chair, Paul DiBenedetto.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fahim Alam raised concerns regarding safety and parking in the vicinity of Queensborough Community College. He asked the Community Board for support by reaching out to the Dept. of Transportation for proper parking signage. P.O. Corey said that summonses have been issued and traffic enforcement has been notified.

Rokeya Akhter gave an update on open cases the Queens DA is working on.

Jamilla Uddin spoke regarding upcoming events.

Jess Mueller spoke regarding upcoming events.

Sila Asa spoke regarding upcoming events.

Patrick Jordan stated that the Queens Borough President's website will soon be updated with the Community Board's Demographics. He also announced upcoming events.

Evelyn Mallo spoke regarding upcoming events.

Lucia Pardes spoke regarding upcoming events.

Jon Gallo spoke regarding upcoming events.

P.O. Corey gave the monthly crime statistics. The next 111th Community Police Council meeting will be held on October 3, 2024.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Adriana Aviles, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Elias Fillas, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, George Hadjiconstantinou, Tim Hao, Mohan Jethwani, Jena Lanzetta, Matthew Mamak, Fleur Martino, Karen Mazza, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Kenneth O’Keefe, Stephen Pivawer, Ann Puckett, Megan Rha, Ralph Ruiz, Seihee Ryu, Amesh Sarecha, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, John Sullivan, Eileen Taylor, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong, Mina Youn

Members Absent

Lana Bind, Sharon Chin, C. Omarr Evans, Michelle Fields, Rosemarie Guidice, Laura James, Travis Kessel, Robert Liatto, Akshar Patel, Gunjan Rastogi, David White, Athena Wu

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 2024 meeting by Ms. Martino. Mr. Hadjiconstantinou raised a point of order; can a voice vote be taken for the minutes? The motion was seconded by Carmen Collado. Mr. Marziliano said a voice vote could be taken. There were no corrections or additions. A voice vote was taken resulting unanimously in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

(In-favor - Adriana Aviles, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Elias Fillas, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, George Hadjiconstantinou, Tim Hao, Mohan Jethwani, Jena Lanzetta, Matthew Mamak, Fleur Martino, Karen Mazza, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Kenneth O’Keefe, Stephen Pivawer, Ann Puckett, Megan Rha, Ralph Ruiz, Seihee Ryu, Amesh Sarecha, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, John Sullivan, Eileen Taylor, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong, Mina Youn)

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Sadly, James Earl Jones passed away today. A letter of support was written for Alley Pond Park to receive state funding for updated trail maps. There will be a Zoning Committee meeting for a zoning change at the site of the Bayside Pool Club. The area is zoned R1-2 and they are proposing to build a 8-story apartment building. The Chair and District Manger met the President of the Windsor Park Co-op Board to review a proposed zoning height authorization for a new building. Mr. Marziliano will discuss the property on 33rd Avenue and 213th Street with the Dept. of Buildings. This month there will be a Landmarks Committee meeting. In October there will be a Capital and Expense Budget Committee meeting. There was a Public Hearing at Borough Hall regarding the City of Yes where Mr. DiBenedetto testified on behalf of the Board against the proposal. There will be an event on Saturday, September 14, 2024, hosted by Bayside Historical Society (BHS) to celebrate the 60th anniversary of BHS and 110th anniversary of Bayside Day.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Euler gave updates on the Board of Standards and Appeals open applications. Mr. Euler spoke regarding a traffic issue at a Fed Ex Company located at 192nd Street and Northern Blvd. Also, a supermarket that is now at the former site of the Walgreens on Northern Blvd. is creating traffic concerns with patrons exiting from the parking lot.

Mr. Hadjiconstantinou requested a DSNY representative speak at the October meeting regarding the new garbage bin procedures.

Ms. Burke spoke stating that illegal parking at 35th Avenue and Bell Blvd. continues. She believes there is poor communication between the Board and residents. She stated that she believes the staff should seek to hire an intern to help with social media. Ms. Burke gave suggestions to help with non-English speaking residents

Mr. Dadras spoke regarding a CAB meeting for the women's shelter on Northern Blvd that he attended. He said that everything seems to be running smoothly.

Mr. Galatan spoke regarding motorized scooters and motorcycles on the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway. There is a Totten Trot 5k Foot Race on Sunday, October 27, 2024. For more information, go to the Bayside Historical Society website.

Ms. Martino stated that the Public Relations Committee will be attending the Queens Botanical Gardens on September 22nd.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Street co-naming of 58th Avenue and 189th Street to Christine Haider Way

A motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve the co-naming of the street that former CB11 Board Chair, Mrs. Christine Haider, lived on. The motion was seconded by Mr. Euler. Ms. Miller spoke regarding Mrs. Haider's legacy. The Committee voted unanimously in favor. Discussion ensued on the motion. Mr. Howard Haider Jr. was recognized in the audience. A roll call vote was taken resulting unanimously in favor. The motion carried.

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Street co-naming of Thornhill Avenue and 224th Street to (FDNY) Lt. James Donahue Way.

On June 30, 2023, Lt. Donahue passed away from a 9/11 related illness.

Street co-naming of Northern Blvd. between 234th Street and Cross Island Parkway to Patrolman Bruno Way. Patrolmen Benjamin Bruno died on January 30, 1956, in the line of duty.

A motion was made to approve the co-naming of Thornhill Avenue and Northern Blvd. by Mr. Hadjiconstantinou. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golia. A roll call vote was taken resulting unanimously in favor. The motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The public was asked to leave the meeting for an executive session. The public could return after executive session is over. This was to discuss salary increases for the CB11 staff. Per the Chair, a motion was made to increase the salaries of three CB11 employees (3% to one staff member and the District Manager and 5% to one staff member). A roll call vote was taken resulting all in 36 favor, and 1 opposed. The motion carried.

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Due to audio difficulties, the voting members on Zoom were emailed to confirm their votes. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM