



The City of New York

Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Paul DiBenedetto Chair / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

To: All Board Members

From: Fleur Martino, Committee Chair

Date: January 21, 2025

RE: Public Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Members

Fleur Martino, Committee Chair
George Hadjiconstantinou
Karen Maza
Benjamin Turner
David White

CB11 Staff

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager
Christina Coutinho, Community Associate

On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, the CB11 Public Relations met via Zoom to discuss and refine an agenda of committee projects proposed by committee members. Ms. Martino opened the meeting at 7:35 pm and welcomed the participants.

A short, preliminary discussing ensued among committee members on a report Ms. Martino distributed to board members, Joe Marziliano, district manager and Paul DiBenedetto, board chair, issued by the New York Department of City Planning (DCP) on NYC Storefront Corridors and Activity. Ms. Martino stated the committee will focus on this topic and the report at the next committee meeting.

Ms. Martino congratulated the committee for its success with the Douglaston Winter Festival in December and the CB11 Get-Together at 'Erawan Restaurant' in Bayside in early January. Committee members raised awareness of how community boards can help community members and engaged with each other at our own get-together.

Mr. Turner followed through with plans for the next 'community/CB11 awareness "pop-up"' at the Bayside Library on Northern Blvd., off Bell Blvd. on February 8th. He had coordinated with the librarians and secured a large room for the event.

Ms. Mazza spoke about the idea of holding a 'Women's Breakfast' at the New York Center For Women, in Fort Totten. She educated us on the work of the center, which a number of CB11 board members support. The Center provides support to the only Women's Shelter in our district and is close to our district. Ms. Martino said she will follow up with both the Center and CB11 executive teams for consensus and next steps, before moving forward.

Mr. Hadjiconstantinou suggested that he would like us to host another blood drive at the same venue, if possible, Korean Community Services, and including a church group or groups to amplify participation. Ms. Martino said she will follow up after checking with all of the stakeholders. Ms. Martino also said she will follow up with the full committee to see if others were interested in volunteering for any of these projects.

Mr. Turner asked if the Library event could be added to the board's social media accounts. Mr. Marziliano said that if he received a flyer for the event, he will add it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Written and submitted by Ms. Martino