

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

*January 7, 2019
Middle School 158
46-35 Oceania Street
Bayside, NY 11361
Christine L. Haider - Chair
Joseph Marziliano – District Manager*

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

NYPD:

111th Precinct - Police Officer Erdman and Police Officer Stiner

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:

Susan Seinfeld

Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik

Anne Marie Boranian

Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Jason Antos

Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein

Isabel Pulgarin

Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic

Casey Lajszky

Representing Assembly Member David Weprin

Maria DiLeone

Representing Congress Member Grace Meng

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the Chair, Christine Haider.

Mrs. Haider led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Officer Erdman gave the monthly crime statistics for the district. Police Officer Stiner spoke regarding crime prevention.

Anne Marie Boranian announced Borough President Melinda Katz's State of the Borough is January 25th at LaGuardia Community College. Ms. Boranian stated that the new and revised Community Board member applications have been mailed for renewal membership. Completed applications have to be returned to the Borough President's office by February 8, 2019.

Assembly Member Nily Rozic spoke regarding local senior resources. Also, AM Rozic is hosting a Homeowners and Tenants Enrollment event on January 16, 2019, at her office along with NYC Dept. of Finance. Finally, AM Rozic stated that last December, Governor Cuomo signed a bill introduced by AM Rozic that requires local restaurants and bars to notify Community Boards if they apply for an "All Night Liquor License".

Marie DiLeone spoke regarding Congress Member Grace Meng's Veterans Affairs Event on January 23, 2019.

Tony Jones spoke regarding free programs for adults offered by the Beacon Program.

Ignazio Terranova, Dept. of Sanitation, spoke regarding the ban on single-use Styrofoam containers and the current organic recycling program. Discussion ensued regarding the direction of the DSNY

snowplows. Mr. Terranova explained that the law is to plow to the right. If the plows are turned to the left, a two-lane road will have snow in the middle of the lane. Plows cannot move from side to side. He stated that the DSNY plows are instructed to plow curb to curb. John Kelly complained that DSNY pushes snow onto the sidewalks when plowing the streets and causes a dangerous condition. Mr. Terranova explained that snow falling on the sidewalk cannot be avoided. A question and answer period followed. Two Board members requested more electronic waste drop off events and regular electronic waste pickup. Mr. Terranova stated Queens East will get curbside electronic waste pickup starting in 2020.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Sila Asa	Lana Bind	Michael Budabin	Susan Cerezo
Justin Chew	Victor Dadras	Lourdes December	Paul DiBenedetto
Mary Donahue	Henry Euler	Mario Ferazzoli	Sonya Fierro-Gladwin
Elias Fillas	Jack Fried	Albert Galatan	Joan Garippa
Roy Giusetti	Christine Haider	Laura James	Mohan Jethwani
Stanley Jin	John Kelly	William Liao	Janet McEneaney
George Mihaltses	Eileen Miller	Douglas Montgomery	Allan Palzer
Christina Scherer	Jyothi Sriram	Benjamin Turner	Henry Wang

Board Members Absent:

Ocelia Claro	Barbara Gillespie	Rosemarie Guidice	Bernard Haber
George Karahalidis	Anthony Koutsouradis	Linda Lee	Robert Liatto
Wendy Pelle-Beer	Stephen Pivawer	Alex Yagudaev	

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December 3rd meeting by Joan Garippa. The motion was seconded by Henry Euler. A vote by show of hands was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as written. The motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The November 2018 general election, term limits were passed for all Community Board Members. This limits each Board Member to four, two-year terms (maximum of eight consecutive years). This means that if a Board Member is appointed or re-appointed in 2019, their term will end 2027. A former Board Member can return after a two-year or more term absence. Application forms have been sent to Board Members for renewal in 2019. The form is now four pages long, instead of two pages.

Board Elections will be held at the March meeting. I urge Board Members to consider running for office. All four executive board position holders will be term-limited out of their current positions this year, as per the current bylaws. We have done a very good job for this board and would like to continue on the executive board. Not all community boards in Queens have term limits on their officers. Board's with term limits are 1, 2, 4, 9, 11 and 12. Board's without term limits are 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14. We can vote to suspend the bylaws to allow the current executive board members to run for their same positions for another year, while we review the bylaws and charter changes. Regardless of how we handle this year's election, the bylaws still need to be revisited. In addition to the current bylaws committee, Mrs. Haider has reached out to a few of the Boards Members to join the committee and she encourages members to serve. She will be calling a bylaws committee meeting within the next two weeks.

We have received a request from the American Red Cross of Greater NY. They are looking for two to four people who are interested in becoming a Community Relations Ambassador. They are looking for the most qualified, determined and committed individuals to join the mission of the American Red Cross and continue to be part of our community. If you are interested, please let me know.

Council Member Constantinides is scheduled for the February 4th meeting to discuss his bill Intro No. 1253 on the goals and provisions in fighting against climate change.

Winter is very taxing on the heat and hot water systems of private homes, especially those with boilers 30-plus years old. Con Edison suggests having a plumber come once during the winter season to inspect and service the boiler.

Congratulations were given to Linda Lee on the birth of her second child.

Mrs. Haider welcomed back Susan Cerezo.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Henry Euler gave an update on the Board of Standards and Appeals open cases.

John Kelly made a motion requesting that the Board write a letter to the DSNY asking them to not put snow on the sidewalks when plowing the streets. The motion was seconded by Henry Euler. Discussion ensued with some Board Members requesting that the letter be forwarded to DSNY and to local council members. George Mihaltzes suggested to first forward a letter to the DSNY to clarify what their policy is regarding snow removal and snow spilling onto sidewalks from the plows. Douglas Montgomery requested the letter be drafted and voted on at the February meeting for a vote.

Paul DiBenedetto spoke regarding events at the Bayside Historical Society. Mr. DiBenedetto also said that the property site of the North Shore Tennis is now up for sale. He will update the Board as information is received on the sale of the property. Finally, he said that he could not attend the most recent CB11 Environmental Committee because he attended the Bayside High School PTA meeting. The School Construction Authority was at the meeting. At the meeting, the SCA discussed that four high schools will be built in Queens over the next several years. They are willing to take recommendations for sites.

Janet McEneaney said there have been some changes to flight patterns and asked the audience to report if they notice a difference in airplane noise over the next few months. Comments can be sent to Queensquietskies@aol.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental Committee – Chair, Henry Euler reviewed the committee report of December 21, 2018. Mr. Euler said at the meeting, the DSNY's organics collection program was discussed. Also, a planned project to install flood gates by the Throgs Neck Bridge to mitigate storm surge during major storms. The last item on the agenda was the consideration of City Council Intro. No. 1253 sponsored by CM Constantinides. The bill, if passed, would require large buildings to meet aggressive emission reduction targets. The Councilman was invited to come to an upcoming CB11 meeting. Also, discussed at the meeting was the concern about pollution in Alley Creek.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mario Ferazzoli. The motion was seconded by Joan Garippa. The meeting adjourned 8:52 pm.

