# MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11 GENERAL BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2019 Middle School 158 46-35 Oceania Street Bayside, NY 11361 Eileen Miller - Chair Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

# PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

NYPD:

111<sup>th</sup> Precinct - Police Officer Erdman

City Agencies

Scott Solomon – Dept. of City Planning

*Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:* 

Anne Marie Boranian Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Representing Assembly Member David Weprin Anthony Lemma Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein Kieran Mahonev

Representing Senator John Liu Barbara Baruch

Isabel Pulgarin Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic Mike Yon Representing Council Member Paul Vallone Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik Susan Seinfeld Maria DiLeone Representing Congress Member Grace Meng Representing Congress Member Tom Suozzi Justin Connor

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

Mrs. Miller lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The District Manager announced the local elected official's representatives that were present and asked if they had any announcements.

Marie DiLeone, representing Congress Member Grace Meng, stated that the Congresswoman will present a Veterans Affairs on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 4:30 pm. Appointment required.

Susan Seinfeld, representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik, stated that the Councilman will present a rain barrel giveaway on June 9, 2019.

Mike Yon, representing Council Member Paul Vallone, stated that voting for participatory budgeting will end April 7, 2019.

Barbara Baruch, representing Senator John Liu, stated that the Senator is presenting a rain barrel and compost giveaway on May 18, 2019.

Justin Connor, representing Congress Member Tom Suozzi, stated that the Congressman has been meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding storm gates.

The District Manager stated that Borough Hall advised the office this afternoon of the new Board The new members will be called tonight during roll call but Borough Hall advised an absence will not count because of short notice. New Board Members; Carmen Collado, Michael Golia, Yosef Lee, Fleur Martino, Akshar Patel and Stephan Popa.

Police Officer Erdman gave the monthly crime statistics for the District. Police Officer Erdman spoke regarding the shooting in front of the Precinct.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Robert Burns spoke regarding errant golf balls from the Douglaston Golf Course and how his property is being damaged. He requested that the Dept. of Parks move the tee box at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole by 100 yards and asked the Board for their support.

Ellen Youpel, New York Road Runners, spoke regarding open run events in Crocheron Park. For more information visit, openrun.nyrr.org.

Michael Feiner, President Bayside Hills Civic Association, spoke regarding a mall clean-up fest on April 13, 2019.

Dave Solano spoke regarding programs at Bayside High School and the lack of funding this school receives. He asked the Board for their support to request funding from the Dept. of Education.

Dana Friedman, Bayside High School PTA, stated that Bayside High School has the highest 4-year graduation rate in 84 years. He said that Bayside High School is not being funded to the maximum by the Department of Education (DOE).

Justin Chew, HS Teacher, stated that B. Cardozo HS is also under-funded as well. He stated that this affects the students.

Tony Jones, Beacon Program, spoke regarding upcoming events presented by the Beacon Program at M.S. 158.

Sean Walsh gave an update on the approval of the Douglaston Rezoning application on Northern Blvd. and Douglaston Parkway. He said that his civic is working on three law suits against the City regarding how this is spot zoning and the lack of notification to the community.

### **PRESENTATION**

Janet McEneaney, Queens Quiet Skies, gave a report regarding the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 and an Aviation Noise and Emissions Symposium of 2019. She also spoke on urban air mobility and homebuilt flying cars which are months away from taking off ground. Ms. McEneaney explained how air taxis will be tested in Dallas very soon.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Sila Asa	Land Bind	Michael Budabin	Susan Cerezo
Justin Chew	Ocelia Claro	Victor Dadras	Lourdes December
Paul DiBenedetto	Mary Donahue	Henry Euler	Mario Ferazzoli
Elias Fillas	Jack Fried	Albert Galatan	Joan Garippa
Barbara Gillespie	Roy Giusetti	Michael Golia	Bernard Haber
Christine Haider	Laura James	Mohan Jethwani	Stanley Jin
John Kelly	Linda Lee	Robert Liatto	Janet McEneaney
George Mihaltses	Eileen Miller	Douglas Montgomery	Allan Palzer
Christina Scherer	Jyothi Sriram	Benjamin Turner	Alex Yagudaev
Stephan Popa			

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Carmen Collado	Rosemarie Giudice	Yosef Lee	Fleur Martino
Akshar Patel	Wendy Pelle-Beer	Stephen Pivawer	Henry Wang

Laura James inquired if an absence would be marked for new Board Members that didn't make tonight's meeting. Mr. Marziliano explained that because of late notice it will not count.

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting by Bernard Haber. The motion was seconded by Christine Haider. John Kelly requested an amendment to add his question to the candidates. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Haber and Mrs. Haider. A vote by show of hands was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes with amendment. The motion carried.

# **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The City Council passed the Douglaston Rezoning ULURP application unanimously, against the recommendation by CB11 and the Queens Borough President.

Mrs. Miller thanked Christine Haider for her 5 years of service as the Board Chair.

Congratulations were given to Christine Haider as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Victor Dadas as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Henry Euler as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair.

Mrs. Miller thanked all the Board Members for giving up their time to serve on the Board.

Monthly meetings and committee reports are posted online. The CB11 District Manager and staff work very hard to maintain an updated comprehensive website.

Mrs. Miller stated that she has received numerous requests for committee chair positions. All Board Members will be receiving committee and contact forms to be completed as soon as possible and returned to the Board office.

Last month Mrs. Miller attended a tour of P.S. 376. She said the school is very modern and the staff was informative. Due to the hard work of Community Board 11 and Councilmember Vallone, they are in contact with the Dept. of Transportation who is currently working with them to evaluate the safety issues.

The Department of City Planning held a follow-up training event for Community Board Members on March 20, 2019. It was well attended; CB11 had the highest attendance for any Queens CB. Mrs. Miller gave thanks to those who attended.

New Board Members will be introduced at the May meeting.

## **BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS**

Henry Euler gave an update on one BSA open case. Mr. Euler said that the Charter Revision Commission is moving forward. There will be several meetings and public hearings in the near future. Written testimonies can be submitted. He thanked Christine Haider, Laura James, Ocelia Claro and Eileen Miller for all their hard work and efforts over the past five years.

Michael Golia introduced himself as a new Board Member.

Mary Donahue spoke regarding the DOT not requiring community input for the installation of speed Mr. Marziliano stated that all 14 DM's disagreed and have written to the Dept. of Transportation Commissioner. Christine Haider suggested, as a Board, we write a letter but a vote Mrs. Miller said a letter will be drafted and sent to the Board has to be taken at the next meeting. for approval at the May meeting. Mrs. Donahue spoke regarding open seminars to educate Queens' residents on the beautification of our trees and greenways. Mr. Euler will arrange an environmental committee meeting.

Paul DiBenedetto thanked Janet McEneaney for her presentation and Sean Walsh for speaking on the topic of the Douglaston rezoning. Mr. DiBenedetto also spoke regarding the Bayside High School Budget. He gave the upcoming events presented by the Bayside Historical Society

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Landmarks - Chair, Bernard Haber spoke regarding an application presented for 902 Shore Road. He said that Committee agreed to table the application until more information was gathered. A Landmark Committee meeting has been rescheduled.

Environmental - Chair, Henry Euler reviewed the committee report of March 15, 2019. He discussed from the report: (1) NYC Council Bill, Intro. 1253 and companion Intro. 1252; a draft resolution was mailed to each Board Member. (2) The Army Corps of Engineers' proposal to install flood gates by the Throgs Neck Bridge. (3) The Committee recommended that the full Board support a request to reinstate twice-a-week organics pickup to accommodate better and easier with the law. (4) Future cleanup efforts by the Friends of Alley Pond Park.

Discussion ensued regarding the reinstatement of twice-a-week organic waste pickup. Mr. Euler made a motion to reinstate twice-a-week pickup. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 27 in favor and 7 opposed. The motion carried.

(In-Favor - Budadin, Cerezo, Chew, Claro, Dadras, December, DiBenedetto, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fillas, Fried, Garippa, Giusetti, Golia, Haider, James, Jin, Kelly, Lee, Liatto, McEneaney, Miller, Popa, Sriram, Turner, Yagudaev - *Opposed* - Galatan, Gillespie, Haber, Jethwani, Mihaltses, Palzer, Scherer)

Discussion ensued regarding a proposed resolution for Intro. Bills 1252 and 1253. Mr. Euler read the resolution. Mr. Euler made a motion to pass the resolution. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. Discussion on the motion ensued. Discussion ensued regarding a proposed resolution for Intro. Bills 1252 and 1253. Mr. Euler read the resolution. Mr. Euler made a motion to pass the resolution. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. Discussion on the motion ensued. Barbara Gillespie said she thought it was premature for CB 11 to send a letter since only

one side of the issue was heard. She stated that more information from the opposition should be given and Board Members should be given a chance to review data related to the cost of implementing the proposed legislation. Mr. Euler said that each Board Member received a copy of the Intro. Bills prior to tonight's meeting. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 31 in favor and 3 opposed. The motion carried.

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A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted 04/08/2019