

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

*February 4, 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:*

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

*Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:*

Hon. Costa Constantinides	NYC Council Member
Ari Gershman	Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik
Anne Marie Boranian	Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz
Jason Antonopoulos	Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein
Isabel Pulgarin	Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic
Anthony Lemma	Representing Assembly Member David Weprin
Barbara Baruch	Representing Senator John Liu
Mike Yon	Representing Council Member Paul Vellone

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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. He also spoke regarding crime prevention.

Mrs. Haider introduced NYC Council Member Costa Constantinides who spoke regarding Intro. 1253, which sets new carbon standards for NYC Buildings. This proposed bill will mandate buildings 25,000 square feet or larger meet new standards to reduce greenhouse gas output. A lengthy discussion ensued with a question and answer period. Henry Euler made a motion to support the proposed bill. William Liao stated additional information is needed regarding the proposed bill. George Mihaltzes requested that this topic go before the Environmental Committee then the full Board. Mrs. Haider advised Mr. Euler to schedule a Committee meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

*Board Members Present:*

Sila Asa	Michael Budabin	Susan Cerezo	Ocelia Claro
Victor Dadras	Lourdes December	Paul DiBenedetto	Mary Donahue
Henry Euler	Mario Ferazzoli	Sonya Fierro-Gladwin	Jack Fried
Albert Galatan	Joan Garippa	Barbara Gillespie	Roy Guisetti
Rosemarie Guidice	Bernard Haber	Christine Haider	Mohan Jethwani

William Liao  
Douglas Montgomery  
Jyothi Sriram

Robert Liatto  
Allan Palzer  
Benjamin Turner

George Mihaltses  
Wendy Pelle-Beer  
Henry Wang

Eileen Miller  
Christina Scherer  
Alex Yagudaev

*Board Members Absent:*

Lana Bind  
Stanley Jin  
Janet McEneaney

Justin Chew  
George Karahalios  
Stephen Pivawer

Elias Fillas  
John Kelly

Laura James  
Linda Lee

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting by Douglas Montgomery. The motion was seconded by Benjamin Turner. A vote by show of hands was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as written. The motion carried.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Mrs. Haider thanked Eileen Miller and Stanley Jin for applying as Community Relations Ambassadors with the American Red Cross of Greater NY. They will represent CB11.

On Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Community Board Chairs, District Managers and Police Precinct Council Presidents met with the new Commander of Borough North, Assistant Chief Martin Morales, the District Manager and Mrs. Haider were joined by Jack Fried as the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council President and Mike Yon as the Vice President of the Council. Assistant Chief Morales is from Queens and loves the Borough.

At the meeting with NYPD leadership, it was brought to our attention that mail fishing and check washing is still a large problem in our neighborhoods. They suggested mail should only be put into the reconstructed mail boxes or go directly into the post office. I was pleased to announce that last year at "National Night Out" our board gave out over 1,000 "UNIBALL 207" pens. The NYPD was pleased with our cooperative efforts. These pens have ink that cannot be washed off a check. In 2019, the Board plans to give out 2,000 of such pens to help keep our checking accounts safe.

There was also a presentation on the "opioid" epidemic and we learned about the benefits of the drug "Narcan" which save lives in overdose cases. Mrs. Haider would like to have this presentation given to the Board at a future meeting.

We have begun the process of updating the Board's By-Laws. This will be a lengthy process, as we are governed by the New York City Charter. We will keep you updated with committee reports. However, please be advised that our current By-Laws are in place, and will be in place. When the committee finishes all the updates, and the whole document is reviewed by "legal" it is only then that we will have a special meeting to vote on any amendments to the by-laws.

The Board elections will take place at the March meeting. We have mailed out notices as instructed in the by-laws. If you are interested in running for an office and want to know if you are eligible or have questions, please see me after the meeting. Remember that it is a time commitment, not just attendance at the monthly meetings.

Anthony Koutsouradis has resigned from the Board. He forwarded a beautiful letter to the Borough President. He will be missed.

The former District Manager, Susan Seinfeld's husband Martin, had quadruple bypass surgery. He is recuperating at home and we wish him a speedy recovery.

## **BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS**

Douglas Montgomery stated that he has stepped down as the Chair of Little Neck/Douglas Memorial Day Parade Committee. He will help assist the new chair. Also, there will be an electronic recycling event at St. Anastasia's on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Henry Euler gave an update on the Board of Standards and Appeals public hearings. Mr. Euler also stated that on February 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be an election for Public Advocate. He also discussed that the Mayor's Charter Revision Commission published a report on Friday with all the ideas they gathered at the public hearings. Mr. Euler said that Bayside Imports has a variance for storage on a lot located at 202-01 Northern Blvd. that has been expired for three years. His civic has made several complaints to the BSA. The last response received was that this site has been listed for padlock. Also, there are complaints regarding traffic in front of the new elementary school PS 376. Mrs. Haider said that this item has been added to the Transportation Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

Allan Palzer asked if there was any information regarding Lowes taking over the Douglaston Plaza. Rosemarie Guidice said that Lowes will start to occupy the property by approximately April 1, 2019.

Paul DiBenedetto discussed the events taking place at the Bayside Historical Society. He also said that their Art show just passed and it was a great success. He was very pleased to announce that District Manager, Joseph Marziliano, won best sculpture. Also, the Northwest Bayside Civic Association President, Jena Lanzetta has made several requests to the DOT for all-way stop signs at the intersection of 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between Francis Lewis Blvd. and the Clearview Expressway. The DOT has denied the request in the past and on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, there was a fatal accident at this intersection. She requested that Mr. DiBenedetto submit her letter to the Board asking for support of all-way stop signs at this location. He stated that regarding John Kelly's request for a letter to be forwarded to the DSNY at last month's meeting, he would like to read Article XIV of the By-Laws section 2 "any Board Member desiring to have the Board consider a subject shall, at least 15 days prior to the meeting, notify the Chairman (Chairman should be changed to Chairperson) who may place the subject on the agenda". Mr. DiBenedetto said that this needs to be implemented when a request is made by a Board Member. Finally, he suggested that there be an Education Committee meeting to discuss proposed high school sites to be given to the School Construction Authority. Mrs. Haider said that Committee Chair, Laura James, has been away but she did email her to set up a meeting in the near future.

Mrs. Haider reviewed the draft letter to DSNY Commissioner Garcia regarding snow removal. Mary Donahue and Mrs. Haider made some changes to the letter. The changes were accepted. The letter will be forwarded.

Mr. DiBenedetto gave an update on the sale of the property of the site of the North Shore Tennis in Bayside.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**By-Laws** – Chair, Christine Haider said that everyone received the By-Laws Committee report. There will be many changes. There is nothing to vote on. There were no questions.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mario Ferazzoli. The motion was seconded by Joan Garippa. The meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted 02/05/2019*