

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

*January 3, 2022  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Michael Budabin – Chair*

**PRESENT AT MEETING**

*CB 11 Staff:*

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

*Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:*

Linda Lee	Council Member
Vickie Paladino	Council Member
Nily Rozic	Assembly Member
Katerina Thompson	Representing Queens Borough President Richards
Maria Di Leone	Representing Congress Member Meng
Sila Asa	Representing Council Member Lee
Kate Boehme	Representing Queens DA Katz
Maroua Righi	Representing CCRB
Jon Gallo	Representing State Senator Liu
Isabel Pulgarin	Representing Assembly Member Rozic

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair, Michael Budabin.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Assembly Member Nily Rozic stated that she supports the bike lane proposal that will be voted on at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Budabin stated that Linda Lee resigned from the Board to start her role as Council Member. Sila Asa also resigned because she will be working as a Community Liaison for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Council District. Vidya Pappachan has resigned from the Board to accept her appointment as Judge. Mr. Budabin thanked them for their service to the Board.

Council Member Lee stated that they are working with the central City Council office to open the telephone lines and emails. She has been working with former Council Member Grodenchik and staff for a smooth transition. CM Lee stated that former Board Member, Sila Asa, will be the CB11 liaison.

Sila Asa said it will be her honor to continue working with CB11.

Jon Gallo, representing State Senator Liu, gave the monthly updates.

Katherina Thompson, representing Borough President Richards, stated that community board member applications are now open. The deadline is February 15, 2022. The application is accessible only online. Mr. Budabin said a list will be sent to Board Members that are up for reappointment.

Newly elected City Council Member, Vickie Paladino, stated that she looks forward to working with CB11.

Isabel Pulagarin, representing Assembly Member Rozic, said that the office is open and reachable by phone.

Alexis Soterakis stated that she supports increased bike and safe infrastructure and asked for the Board's support.

Dr. Joby Jacob stated that he supports the proposal for increased bike lanes. He asked the Board to vote in favor.

Lindsay Meyer stated that she supports the proposal for increased bike lanes. This will allow for a safer ride for young cyclists.

Laura Shepard, representing Transportation Alternatives, said she has gathered over 100 signatures that are in favor of the proposed bike lanes. She stated that the CB11 proposal gives more protected lanes than the DOT proposal. Ms. Shepard said that safety is more important than green paint.

John Kelly III, President of the Kissena Park Civic Association, stated that there is overwhelming support from the community for protected bike lanes. He asked the Board for their support on the proposal with protected bike lanes.

Yehuda Pollack said he does not live in the district but rides through northeastern Queens. He supports the proposal and the idea that he can detour and be safe with protected bike lanes.

Mr. Terrill, Leader of Queens Social Ride, said he loves riding through the district and encourages the bike lane proposal because it connects the dots and allows riders to feel safe.

Ms. Jordan said that she is a rider and a parent of a new rider. This proposal is a great network that allows riders to connect to schools in the district.

## **ROLL CALL**

### *Members Present*

Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lander Bravo, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Jason Chen, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Elias Fillas, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Eileen Miller, Allan Palzer, Akshar Patel, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong

### *Members Absent*

Lana Bind, Mary Donahue, Michael Golia, Stanley Jin, Yosef Lee, George Mihaltses, Douglas Montgomery

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December 2021 meeting by Mr. Popa. The motion was seconded by Ms. Collado. A roll call vote was taken resulting 39 in favor, 0 opposed. The minutes were approved as written.

*(In-Favor - Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lander Bravo, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Jason Chen, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Elias Fillas, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Eileen Miller, Allan Palzer, Akshar Patel, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong)*

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Mr. Budabin stated that there was not an Education Committee meeting in December but there will be one in January. There were a Transportation and Library Committee meetings. Items discussed will be addressed and voted on tonight.

### **BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Euler spoke regarding the proposed ADU bill and a new bill (S7574) sponsored by NY State Senator Brad Hoylman. This new bill will prohibit certain local exclusionary zoning measures. This would allow multi-family construction on all residential lots in the State. On City lots that are a quarter of a mile from a train station, a 6-family dwelling could be built. It would also prohibit cities and villages from setting minimum lot sizes larger than 1,200 square feet. Mr. Euler gave information regarding the bill. He said that last May, the CB11 Government Affairs and Legal Committee held a meeting to discuss the ADU bill; a letter was forwarded with the Board's concerns. In October, the Committee Chair, Albert Galatan, stated that the ADU bill was revised because of the flooding and deaths caused by Storm Ida. Mr. Euler requested a committee meeting in January to discuss the revised bill and new bill. Mr. Budabin agreed and said that a meeting is being scheduled.

Mr. Galatan asked if he could add an item to the Government Affairs and Legal Committee meeting agenda. In addition to ADU and proposed bill S7574, he wanted to include the removal of the Impartial Officers from Impartial Hearings for children with special needs to obtain services. Now a case goes before the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH). This was removed by former Mayor de Blasio on December 27, 2021. Mr. Galatan stated that he was ok if this topic was better reviewed by the Education Committee.

Mr. Popa asked if there is a plan passed January for in-person meetings. Mr. Budabin stated that there is no information at this time, therefore, teleconference meetings will continue until further notice.

Ms. Collado stated that she would like to attend the Government Affairs and Legal Committee meeting regarding Mr. Galatan's statement on Impartial Hearings. She works at the Shield Institute. Ms. Collado stated that she would be able to help support this item.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Douglaston Zoning Committee – BSA- Cal No. 364-82 BZ – 245-24 Horace Harding Expressway**

An application to operate a SAF-T Swim program. On behalf of Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Marziliano reviewed the report. Mr. Marziliano stated that the applicant attended the committee meeting and discussed that SAF-T Swim has leased this site. This will be the first SAF-T Swim in the New York City Area. The first floor will be the entrance and viewing area. The pool will be in the basement. The Committee members had no objection. Mr. Marziliano stated that there were not enough Committee members present to make a quorum. A motion was made by Mr. Popa to accept the application. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Haider. There was no discussion on the motion. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 38 in favor and one present. The motion carried.

*(In-Favor - Adriana Aviles, Lander Bravo, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Jason Chen, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Elias Fillas, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Eileen Miller, Allan Palzer, Akshar Patel, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong – Present – Bail)*

### **Library Committee – The reconstruction of the Douglaston/Little Neck Branch Library**

Mr. Turner, Committee Chair, reviewed the Committee report to discuss the reconstruction of the library. The building will be a modern style with a warm feel. There will be a green roof to absorb rain; included are solar panels, a habitat for birds and a garden. There will be a children's section that will have access to the garden. The new library will provide more square footage than the current library. There was also a presentation at the committee meeting for the Present of Art project. There will be two pieces that will be installed at the library. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the reconstruction of the library with the Present for Art project. Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the reconstruction with the proposed pieces for Present for Art. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ferazzoli. There was discussion on the motion with one question asking what form of heat will be provided for the building. Mr. Turner stated that it was not discussed at the committee meeting. Mr. Budabin said that the building plans and the artwork are very exciting, it is great to have a new modern building in the community. A roll call vote was taken resulting 39 in favor and 0 opposed. The motion carried.

*(In-Favor - Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lander Bravo, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Jason Chen, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Elias Fillas, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Eileen Miller, Allan Palzer, Akshar Patel, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong)*

### **Transportation Committee – Department of Transportation (DOT) Bicycle Infrastructure**

**Plan 2022** – Mr. Dadras, Committee Chair, stated that the DOT proposed 11 bike routes are to complete and improve safety throughout our district. The DOT has asked for the Board's comments. There were several subcommittee and committee meetings over the past three months to study each route. Mr. Dadas said the DOT's goal is to create a bicycle network with new connections to key destinations throughout our district, sadly not east of Joe Michael's Mile. This proposal will not remove parking or driving lanes. The DOT recommended Class 2 and Class 3 bike lanes. The subcommittee, on routes where appropriate recommended Class 1 bike

lanes (protected bike lane). Class 2 and Class 3 are not protected; they are markings on the street and along parked cars. Mr. Dadras said there are eight routes that were recommended and three that were not. Mr. Dadras reviewed the Committee report of December 13, 2021 with recommendations. The following routes were recommended by the Committee –

Screen share by Mr. Marziliano.

Mr. Popa made a motion to recommend Cloverdale Blvd. between 53 Avenue and 69 Avenue have protected bicycle lanes. Mr. Dadras seconded the motion. A friendly amendment to the motion extending the proposal to 73 Avenue was accepted by Mr. Popa and Mr. Dadras. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Popa made a motion to recommend 53 Avenue between Oceania Street and 188 Street for a protected bicycle lane. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Popa made a motion to recommend 46 Avenue between Bell Blvd. and Cloverdale Blvd. for a protected bicycle lane. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly suggested that we request DOT maximize the parking on 46 Avenue between 220 Place and Cloverdale Blvd. Mr. Popa and Mrs. Miller accepted the amendment to the motion. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Marziliano introduced the first proposal for discussion this evening which was 26 Avenue from Utopia Parkway to Bell Blvd., turning southbound and continuing westbound on 28 Avenue to the dead end. Mrs. Haider made a motion to recommend approval of this proposal with the utilization of protected bicycle lanes with floating parking. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The next proposal discussed was 69 Avenue between Springfield Blvd. and Cloverdale Blvd. which the CB11 Bicycle Infrastructure Subcommittee feels is conducive to a protected bicycle lane utilizing floating parking. Mr. Kelly made a motion to recommend approval of this proposal. Mr. Galatan seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken resulting in all in favor except for Mr. Liatto. The motioned passed.

The next location discussed was Corporal Kennedy Street from 26 Avenue to Northern Blvd. continuing onto Oceania Street to Horace Harding Expressway. This location is conducive to a protected bicycle lane utilizing floating parking except for 33 Avenue to 39 Avenue which is too narrow. Bicycle dismounts are recommended at the crossovers at Northern Blvd. and 46 Avenue. Mr. Dadras made a motion to recommend approval of this proposal. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Mr. Marziliano said an amendment could be made that it is of the utmost importance that protected lanes be used where possible and that Class 2 and Class 3 lanes are not used especially if full lanes of parking are removed. Mr. Kelly agreed with this amendment. A roll vote was taken resulting in 14 in favor and 4 opposed. The motion passed.

47 Avenue between Utopia Parkway to 188 Street was discussed next. The subcommittee found that southbound 188 Street to Horace Harding Expressway is conducive to a protected bicycle lane utilizing floating parking on 188 Street between 48 Avenue to Horace Harding Expressway. The remainder of the route is too narrow and winding. Mrs. Haider made a motion to recommend Utopia Parkway as a protected bicycle route utilizing floating parking the full length of Community Board 11, as had been previously recommended by the Transportation Committee, in lieu of the route proposed by DOT to run from 47 Avenue between Utopia Parkway and 188

Street and southbound on 188 Street to Horace Harding Expressway. Mr. Euler seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor except for Mr. Kelly. The motion passed.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to recommend 56 Avenue between East Hampton Blvd. and Luke Place for protected bicycle lanes. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly amended his motion to “56 Avenue between Springfield Blvd. and East Hampton Blvd.” A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed.

---

Springfield Blvd. between 46 Avenue and Kingsbury Avenue as described above and include 56 Avenue to 58 Avenue on the eastside of Springfield Blvd. was **NOT** recommended by the committee.

35 Avenue between 215 Street and Corbett Road, Corbett Road to 221 Street, along 43 Avenue to 223 Street ending at Northern Blvd. was **NOT** recommended by the committee.

35 Avenue from the dead end at the Cross Island Parkway to Crocheron Avenue was **NOT** recommended by the committee.

Mr. Budabin made an additional motion that the committee wants an additional east/west corridor over the Clearview Expressway that is not 35 Avenue. Mr. Liatto seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken resulting in nine opposed and six in favor. The motion failed.

End of screen share.

A motion was made to approve with the recommendations and a letter forwarded to the DOT by Mr. Popa. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garippa. A lengthy discussion ensued on the wording of the recommendations. Ms. Chin asked if DSNY has a plan for snow removal regarding the bike lanes. Mr. Liatto said that on 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, the DSNY is able to plow the bike lanes. Mr. Kelly spoke at length stating that the Board came together on discussing the recommendations for this proposal. He was happy to see this because in the past, bike lanes were a very contentious subject. Mr. Turner said that protected bike lanes are safety measures for cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers. Ms. Sriram discussed the safety of pedestrians stating that cyclists should be mindful of pedestrians. A roll vote was taken resulting in 39 in favor and 0 opposed. The motion carried.

*(In-Favor - Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lander Bravo, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Jason Chen, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Elias Fillas, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Eileen Miller, Allan Palzer, Akshar Patel, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong)*

## **MONTH AHEAD**

Mr. Budabin said that there will be several upcoming committee meetings. He asked everyone to look out for the meeting notices.

The meeting adjourned.