

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

June 1, 2020

Via Zoom Telephone Conference

Michael Budabin – Chair

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

Jane Bentivenga – Community Coordinator

City Agencies

Captain John Portalatin, Commanding Officer, 111th Precinct

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:

Barry Grodenchik

Council Member

Anne Marie Boranian

Representing Queens Borough President Sharon Lee

Dave Fischer

Representing Assembly Member Edward Braunstein

Susan Seinfeld

Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik

Isabel Pulgarin

Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic

Justin Connor

Representing Congressman Tom Suozzi

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

Mr. Budabin stated that at tonight's meeting, the newly appointed Board Members will be introduced.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Council Member Barry Grodenchik give an update on the pandemic. He thanked the new Board Members for volunteering their time.

Captain Portalatin gave an update on the crime statistics for the 111th Precinct. He spoke regarding a peaceful protest at Springfield Blvd. and Horace Harding Expressway Service Road. Discussion ensued regarding various protests throughout the City. Mr. Budabin asked for information regarding social media's posts of planned protests in the District.

Isabel Pugarin give an update on events hosted by Assembly Member Nily Rozic

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Sila Asa	Michael Budabin	Ocelia Claro	Carmen Collado
Victor Dadras	Lourdes December	Paul DiBenedetto	Mary Donahue
Henry Euler	Mario Ferazzoli	Jack Fried	Albert Galatan
Joan Garippa	Barbara Gillespie	Michael Golia	Rosemarie Guidice
Bernard Haber	Christine Haider	Laura James	Mohan Jethwani
Stanley Jin	John Kelly	Linda Lee	Yosef Lee
Robert Liatto	Fleur Martino	George Mihaltses	Eileen Miller
Allan Palzer	Akshar Patel	Wendy Pelle-Beer	Stephen Pivawer
Stephan Popa	Christina Scherer	Jyothi Sriram	Benjamin Turner

Newly Appointed Board Members:

Adriana Aviles	Carin Bail	Lander Bravo	Sharon Chin
Gunjan Rastogi	Sam Wong		

Board Members Absent:

Lana Bind	Susan Cerezo	Justin Chew	Elias Fillas
Michael Golia	Bernard Haber	Douglas Montgomery	

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the revised minutes of the May 4, 2020 meeting by Stephen Popa. The motion was seconded by Christine Haider. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 33 in favor and six present. The May 4, 2020 minutes were accepted as written.

(*In-favor-* Asa, Budabin, Claro, Collado, Dadras, December, DiBenedetto, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Guidice, Haider, James, Jin, Kelly, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Martino, Mihaltses, Miller, Palzer, Patel, Pelle-Beer, Pivawer, Popa, Scherer, Sriram, Turner - *Present* – Aviles, Bail, Bravo, Chin, Rastogi, Wong)

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

The applicant for the proposed Height Authorization application with the NYC Dept. of City Planning to construct a Senior Assisted Living facility on 61st Avenue will be conducting a meeting to review revised plans on June 17th.

At the time of this meeting, the NYS Liquor License for Lavoo Lounge has not been issued to the new owner.

Victor Dadras will review the full Transportation Committee report but regarding to the segment on snow plowing, Mr. Budabin said the DSNY representative that attended the meeting was helpful but most of the answers were “Citywide policies cannot be changed”. Mr. Budabin stated

that since the answers were high level Citywide answers, the QN11 DSNY Superintendent, Rich Kauke, was asked to attend a Fall 2020 meeting to help resolve some of the issues in the District.

Mr. Budabin acknowledged the Board Members that have resigned from the Board this year. He thanked them for their service to the community. He welcomed and introduced new Board Members; Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lander Bravo, Sharon Chin, Gunjan Rastogi, and Sam Wong. Each spoke briefly.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Henry Euler gave an update on one case with the Board of Standards and Appeals; the hearing for the McDonald's on Northern Blvd in Little Neck was adjourned. He spoke regarding upcoming hearings for July and August.

Robert Liatto spoke about a problematic issue with speeding on 73rd Avenue and the lack of NYPD enforcement. Mr. Liatto also asked if there was a plan for High School Graduation Ceremonies and if the Board could reach out to local elected officials. He spoke specifically about Cardozo HS. Mr. Budabin addressed both issues by saying that the 111th Precinct will be contacted concerning the speeding on 73rd Avenue and today, the CB Office received a letter from the PTA of Cardozo HS regarding graduation. Adriana Aviles said that she is the CEC 26 President and she has weekly meetings with the District Superintendent. Due to Covid-19, the Dept. of Education, not the Principal of a school, must approve a graduation celebration. They cannot support large gatherings for the month of June.

Fleur Martino spoke regarding the process and in support of the NYC Covid-19 Tracing Program to help monitor the spread.

Mr. Budabin said that previously, the Board voted to suspend the CB11's hard copy notice requirement; excluding M. Donahue and J. Garippa. Since meetings are still virtual, Mr. Budabin asked for a motion to extend digital mailing to the September meeting, with the same caveat that was previously approved. Stephan Popa made a motion to extended digital mailing until the September meeting, excluding those with no email. Benjamin Turner seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

(In-favor- Asa, Aviles, Bail, Bravo, Budabin, Chin, Claro, Collado, Dadras, December, DiBenedetto, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Guidice, Haider, James, Jin, Kelly, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Martino, Mihaltses, Miller, Palzer, Patel, Pelle-Beer, Pivawer, Popa, Rastogi, Scherer, Sriram, Turner, Wong)

Mary Donahue and Barbara Gillespie spoke regarding various protests throughout the City. They requested information from the 111th Precinct about the route of scheduled protests in the District. Discussion ensued regarding the role of the Board during these times.

Christine Haider welcomed the new Board Members.

Paul DiBenedetto stated that he is the President of the redesign of P.S. 41. He stated that there will be 250 new seats added, a Pre-K class, full elevator access, the main entrance will be on 214th Lane, security cameras and a modern fire alarm system will be installed, a permanent art installation and the new building and old building will be connected. There will a new music room, art studio, science lab and upgrade to the playground.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation – Victor Dadras, Committee Chair, reviewed the Transportation Committee report of May 13, 2020. Mr. Dadras said the Bus Resign Proposal is currently on hold due to Covid-19. Mr. Dadras spoke regarding the issues with DSNY snow plowing and said the QN11 Superintendent will attend a meeting to answer the community's concerns. Mr. Dadras spoke regarding the NYC Open Streets Initiative to help support local merchants during the pandemic. He asked for input or suggestions for areas that could be part of this initiative.

MONTH AHEAD

Mr. Budabin said that this is the last Board meeting before the summer break. There will be Committee meetings when needed. He asked for Members to please complete the Committee Selection form and return to the CB office.

Mr. Budabin reviewed the upcoming Committee meetings.

Mr. Budabin concluded the meeting with a message for everyone to take care and stay safe. He said we are here if anyone needs assistance.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted 8/7/2020