

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

March 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:

111th Precinct - Police Officer Erdman and Police Officer Stiner

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:

Anne Marie Boranian

Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Anthony Lemma

Representing Assembly Member David Weprin

Jason Antos

Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein

Barbara Baruch

Representing Senator John Liu

Jeong-Ah Choi

Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Mike Yon

Representing Council Member Paul Vallone

Susan Seinfeld

Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik

Maria DiLeone

Representing Congress Member Grace Meng

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carin Bail, Co-PTA President at P.S. 376 spoke regarding problematic traffic conditions along 48th Avenue in the vicinity of P.S. 376. Mrs. Haider said that the Transportation Committee will report on that tonight.

Barbara Baruch spoke regarding Senator John Liu's Homeowners Property Tax Exemption and Rent Freeze Event on March 14, 2019.

PRESENTATION

Bryce Wisemiller, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, gave a presentation on New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study. Following Hurricane Sandy, the U.S. Army Corps did a full study on the entire North Atlantic Coast. The study covers approximately 2,150 square miles and approximately 900 miles of affected shoreline. Mr. Wisemiller stated that plans are being considered for the construction of storm gates to protect the New York City area from intense storms similar to Hurricane Sandy. A lengthy

question and answer period followed. More information can be obtained at www.nan.usace.army.mil/nynjhats.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Lana Bind	Michael Budabin	Susan Cerezo	Justin Chew
Victor Dadras	Lourdes December	Paul DiBenedetto	Mary Donahue
Henry Euler	Mario Ferazzoli	Sonya Fierro-Gladwin	Jack Fried
Albert Galatan	Joan Garippa	Barbara Gillespie	Roy Giusetti
Rosemarie Guidice	Bernard Haber	Christine Haider	Laura James
Mohan Jethwani	Stanely Jin	John Kelly	William Liao
Robert Liao	George Mihaltses	Eileen Miller	Douglas Montgomery
Allan Palzer	Wendy Pelle-Beer	Christina Scherer	Jyothi Sriram
Benjamin Turner	Henry Wang	Alex Yagudaev	

Board Members Absent:

Sila Asa	Ocelia Claro	Elias Fillas	George Karahalidis
Linda Lee	Janet McEneaney	Stephen Pivawer	

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 4th meeting by Henry Euler. The motion was seconded by Joan Garippa. A vote by show of hands was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as written. The motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

On February 26, 2019, the Transportation Committee Chair, Board Chair and the District Manager met with representatives from the Dept. of Transportation leadership and Capital projects to discuss the Community Board's shared pedestrian/bicycle pathway along the north side of the sidewalk between 223rd Street and Douglaston Parkway.

CB11 was informed that the original pathway proposed by the Board would cost an estimated \$8.7 million as per an official scope of the project. This original plan as proposed would not be feasible and would require additional impact to light poles, curbs and new trees by the golf range parking lot. However, CB11 was informed that the DOT's proposed plan is feasible with these additional factors, such as a pedestrian sidewalk and separate bicycle Greenway totaling 18-ft. wide. This would include tree pit planting, as well as a buffer zone between the pedestrian zone and greenway. This project would cost an estimated \$10.6 million. This was very good news. It sounds beautiful, safe and aesthetically pleasing. The Agency does not recommend funding for the project in Fiscal Year 2020. The Agency recognizes the over 200 accidents (and over 10 which involved the word "bike/bicycle or barrier") since the time of the current configuration was installed. The Agency, however, cannot say if the scoped plan would actually decrease those traffic accidents.

The Agency recommends that the CB begin to secure partial funding for the project from the Board's various elected officials in order to go forward.

Council Member Grodenchik has invited CB11 and the Transportation Committee to a site visit regarding the East Hampton Bike Lane. This will take place at the corner of East Hampton Blvd. and 56th Avenue on March 12, 2019.

Queens Complete Count Committee (CCC) fact sheet from the office of the Borough President was emailed to all Board Members. There are talking points for the 2020 Census count. The document explains the four options for self-reporting: online, phone (new), paper form (new) and personal

visit. It explains job recruitment and partnering opportunities. If you are interested in participating, there are instructions on how to do it.

Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 10, 2019. Remember to set your clocks ahead an hour and it is a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

The 2nd annual Bayside Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 30, 2019 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Bell Boulevard between 35th Avenue and 41st Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING

BSA Calendar No. 2019-16 BZ, 250-01 Northern Boulevard – McDonald's – An application to the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) seeks to legalize the operation of a drive-through facility accessory to a Use Group 6 eating and drinking establishment. There were no registered speakers. Neil Weisbard, representing the applicant, stated that this application is being filed by McDonald's Corporation. The restaurant had obtained a BSA special permit back in 1983 and then re-established in 1998, but the term expired in October of 2003 and was never subsequently renewed. Therefore, a new BSA special permit application is requested. Little Neck Zoning Chair, Joan Garippa, reviewed the Committee report of February 20, 2019. Mrs. Garippa said the Committee Members discussed that the entrance and exit on Marathon Parkway needs improved signage. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the application. A question and answer period followed. A motion was made by Joan Garippa to approve the application with a 5-year term, improved signage at the Marathon Parkway entrance to read "entrance only – no exit" and planting to be maintained. The motion was seconded by Rosemarie Guidice. Discussion ensued regarding the entrance and if McDonald's is ADA compliance. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 34 in favor and one opposed. The motion carried.

(In-Favor – Bind, Budabin, Cerezo, Chew, Dadras, December, DiBenedetto, Donahue, Ferazzoli, Fierro-Gladwin, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Giusetti, Guidice, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Jin, Kelly, Liao, Liatto, Mihaltses, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Pelle-Beer, Scherer, Sriram, Turner, Wang, Yagudaev – **Opposed** – Euler)

Mrs. Garippa said that the Committee also discussed that there should be accountability on the BSA to follow up with expired variances in the District and Citywide. A motion was made to forward a letter to the BSA asking for monetary fines to applicants with expired variances. The Committee voted unanimously in favor. A motion was made to forward a letter to the BSA copied to the Dept. of Buildings and the Office of the NYC Comptroller. The motion was seconded by Bernard Haber. Discussion ensued on how the CB office tracks variance expiration dates. William Liao said that the application process is costly and there are penalties for filing late. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 27 in favor and seven opposed. The motion carried.

(In-Favor – Budabin, Cerezo, Chew, Dadras, DiBenedetto, Donahue, Euler, Fierro-Gladwin, Fried, Garippa, Gillespie, Giusetti, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Jin, Kelly, Liatto, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Pelle-Beer, Scherer, Sriram, Turner, Wang – **Opposed** – Bind, December, Ferazzoli, Galatan, Guidice, Liao, Mihaltses, Yagudaev)

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Douglas Montgomery gave an update on the Little Neck/Douglaston Parade. He also said on May 11th, there will be an electronic waste event at St. Anastasia's.

Henry Euler gave an update on BSA open cases.

Roy Giusetti made a motion to have nominated candidates speak before the Board. The motion was seconded by Bernard Haber. A vote by show of hands passed unanimously.

John Kelly made a motion that Board Members are allowed to ask questions to the nominated candidates. The motion was seconded by Benjamin Turner. Discussion ensued as to how long this period should last. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 19 in favor and 16 opposed. The motion carried.

(In-Favor – Bind, Budabin, Cerezo, Dadras, Donahue, Ferazzoli, Galatan, Gillespie, James, Kelly, Liao, Mihaltses, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Pelle-Beer, Sriram, Turner, Wang – **Opposed** – Chew December, DiBenedetto, Euler, Fierro-Gladwin, Fried, Garippa, Giusetti, Guidice, Haber, Haider, Jethwani, Jin, Liatto, Scherer, Yagudaev)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation – Chair, Bernard Haber reviewed the Committee report of March 1, 2019. Mr. Haber said that the Committee will ask DOT to conduct a study include a “Slow” flashing yellow light, as well as a speed camera, include an East/West Stop sign at 211th Street and 48th Avenue, improved pavement markings, and a “Speed School Zone” sign and an East/West “stop Sign” at 210th Street and 48th Avenue, improved pavement markings, and “Speed Zone” sign.

Mr. Haber said that Barbara Gillespie asked for a comprehensive study for northeastern Queens’ public transportation to Flushing from the northeastern part of Queens. She suggested skipped stops on the Q12 & 13 along Northern Blvd. to speed up the time it takes to get to Northeast Queens to Flushing. The Committee agreed to contact MTA on this matter. Mr. Haber stated that a formal request will be sent to the MTA requesting Metro Card use on LIRR by NYC residents. This will mirror the efforts of south east Queens.

Mr. Haber said the Committee agreed to forward a letter to the MTA for additional bicycle racks at LIRR stations.

Mrs. Haber stated that the DOT will no longer require CB’s input on the installation of a speed bump.

Ms. Gillespie’s stated that it was discussed at the Committee meeting that a bicycle lane from CB11 to the Flushing Main Street Subway Station be proposes. The Committee recommended asking DOT for a feasibility study of this request. The Committee Report will be amended to reflect this topic.

Discussion ensued on the Metro Card and the LIRR.

Paul DiBenedetto questioned as to why the full Board is not voting on the items discussed at the Committee meeting. The District Manager said that a committee has the option to make a recommendation on the behalf of the committee, the full board may always take up a separate position. If not, the full Board may have to take up dozens of votes per meeting.

Mrs. Haider reviewed new business discussed at the Committee meeting. The Committee agreed to forward a letter to request a feasibility study for the addition of a ferry stop at Fort Totten. Mr. DiBenedetto said that Fort Totten is not in our Board; why make the recommendation? Mrs. Haider said a Board Member made the request.

A motion was made to table the recommendation to contact the MTA regarding the Metro Card use on the LIRR until more information is gathered by Christine Haider. The motion was seconded by Albert Galatan. A vote by show of hands passed unanimously.

Mrs. Haider turned the meeting over to Albert Galatan, Sonya Fierro-Gladwin and Michael Budabin for the Board elections.

COMMUNITY BOARD OFFICERS ELECTIONS

Elections were chaired by Albert Galatan, Sonya Fierro-Gladwin and Michael Budabin.

Motions were made to nominate the Board Officers as follows:

Eileen Miller was nominated for Chair by Jyothi Sriram. The motion was seconded by Mohan Jethwani. Mrs. Miller accepted the nomination.

Douglas Montgomery was nominated for Chair by Paul DiBenedetto. The motion was seconded by Henry Euler. Mr. Montgomery accepted the nomination.

John Kelly asked both Eileen Miller and Douglas Montgomery if they would allow minutes on meetings that take place with elected officials. Discussion ensued as to which meetings are required to log minutes.

A vote by written ballot was collected resulting in 27 in favor of Eileen Miller and 8 in favor of Douglas Montgomery. Eileen Miller will be Chair starting April 1, 2019.

(Eileen Miller – Budabin, Chew, Cerezo, Dadras, December, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fierro-Gladwin, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Giusetti, Guidice, Haider, Jethwani, Jin, Kelly, Liatto, Mihaltses, Miller, Pelle-Beer, Scherer, Sriram, Turner, Wang, Yagudaev – **Douglas Montgomery** – Bind, DiBenedetto, Fried, Haber, James, Liao, Montgomery, Palzer)

Christine Haider was nominated for 1st Vice Chair by Henry Euler. The motion was seconded by Mario Ferazzoli. Mrs. Haider accepted the nomination.

Victor Dadras was nominated for 1st Vice Chair by Benjamin Turner. The motion was seconded by Barbara Gillespie. Mr. Dadras accepted the nomination.

A vote by written ballot was collected resulting in 25 for Mrs. Haider and 10 for Mr. Dadras. Christine Haider will be the 1st Vice Chair starting April 1, 2019.

(Christine Haider – Bind, Budadin, Cerezo, Chew, December, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fierro-Gladwin, Fried, Giusetti, Guidice, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Jin, Liatto, Mihaltses, Miller, Palzer, Pelle-Beer, Scherer, Wang, Yagudaev – **Dadras** – DiBenedetto, Dadras, Galatan, Joan Garippa, Gillespie, Kelly, Liao, Montgomery, Sriram, Turner)

Douglas Montgomery was nominated for 2nd Vice Chair by Paul DiBenedetto. The motion was seconded by Henry Euler. Mr. Montgomery accepted the nomination.

Victor Dadras was nominated for 2nd Vice Chair by Barbara Gillespie. The motion was seconded by Wendy Pelle-Beer. Mr. Dadras accepted the nomination.

A vote by written ballot was collected resulting in 20 for Victor Dadras and 15 for Douglas Montgomery. Victor Dadras will be the 2nd Vice Chair starting April 1, 2019.

(Victor Dadras – Bind, Chew, Dadras, December, Donahue, Fierro-Gladwin, Garippa, Gillespie, Giusetti, Guidice, Jethwani, Jin, Kelly, Liao, Miller, Palzer, Pelle-Beer, Sriram, Turner, Yagudaev – **Douglas Montgomery** – Budabin, Cerezo, DiBenedetto, Euler, Ferezzoli, Fried, Galatan, Haber, Haider, James, Liatto, Mihaltses, Montgomery, Scherer, Wang)

Joan Garippa was nominated for 3rd Vice Chair by Allan Palzer. The motion was seconded by Mary Donahue. Mrs. Garippa accepted the nomination.

Benjamin Turner was nominated for 3rd Vice Chair by John Kelly. The motion was seconded by Barbara Gillespie. Mr. Turner accepted the nomination.

Henry Euler was nominated for 3rd Vice Chair by Paul DiBenedetto. The motion was seconded by Christina Scherer. Mr. Euler accepted the nomination.

A vote by written ballot was collected resulting in 17 for Henry Euler, 10 for Benjamin Turner, and 8 for Joan Garippa. Henry Euler will be the 2nd Vice Chair starting April 1, 2019.

Albert Galatan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joan Garippa.

(Henry Euler – Chew, DiBenedetto, Euler, Fried, Giusetti, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Jin, Liatto, Liao, Miller, Scherer, Sriram, Wang, Yagudaev – **Benjamin Turner** – Budabin, Dadras, December, Fierro-Gladwin, Galatan, Gillespie, Guidice, Kelly, Mihaltses, Turner – **Joan Garippa** – Bind, Cerezo, Donahue, Ferazzoli, Garippa, Montgomery, Palzer, Pelle-Beer)

Respectfully submitted 03/18/2019