

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

March 7, 2022

Via Zoom Teleconference

Michael Budabin – Chair

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

Jane Bentivenga – Community Coordinator

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present

John Liu

State Senator

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

David Fischer

Representing Assembly Member Braunstein

Jon Gallo

Representing State Senator Liu

Isabel Pulgarin

Representing Assembly Member Rozic

111th Precinct:

Police Officer Luigi Galano – Community Affairs Unit

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.

Mr. Budabin introduced the following:

PO Galano gave the monthly crimes statistics for the district. He said that Sector C is seeing an increase in burglaries. There was an arrest made involving a firearm. PO Galano took crime related questions from Board Members.

State Senator John Liu spoke regarding how State offices in Albany are now open to the public. He said that this year's City budget is looking better than last year's. He spoke regarding the increase in gas prices, the increase in the cost of living, and how to help small businesses thrive. A question and answer period followed.

Sila Asa stated that Council Member Lee worked with other elected officials regarding the opposition of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's). Council Member Lee has started a donation drive to help support Ukraine.

Katherina Thompson stated that the Borough President has started a donation drive to help support Ukraine.

Kate Boehme stated that DA Katz is conducting a consumer protection webinar tomorrow.

Victoria Kowanetz, Community Library Manager, North Hills Branch, stated on March 14th mask requirements for guests and employees will be lifted. Also, Queens library branches will resume conducting open public classes on March 14th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Thomas Padilla spoke regarding a dangerous condition at the intersection of the Clearview Expressway, Horace Harding and 203rd Street. Vehicles speed with no regard to traffic flow. He asked for a survey for traffic controls at this location.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lander Bravo, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, 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, Jason Chen, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Elias Fillas, Stanley Jin, George Mihaltses

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 2022 meeting by Mrs. Haider. The motion was seconded by Mr. Popa. Mr. Turner made a correction – Board Member renewal applications are for even-year, appointed Members. A roll call vote was taken resulting 39 in favor, 0 opposed. The minutes were approved with the correction.

(In-Favor - Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lander Bravo, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, 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 announced the Committee meetings that were held in the month of February. The Governor's emergency order that suspended open meetings law is due to expire March 16, 2022. We should expect April's meeting to be in person, unless the Governor extends the emergency order. Mr. Budabin stated that a grant was given for the wetlands at the entrance of Udall Cove. He read an article on this topic from Save the Sound. A grant was received in the amount of \$600,000 to restore and protect the wetland, natural habitat, and the shoreline at the entrance of Udall's Cove and along Memorial Field.

PUBLIC HEARING

Co-naming of 217th Street and Corbett Road to “BIG JIM” Corcoran Way. Victor Dadras, Transportation Committee Chair said the Committee held a meeting to discuss the request to co-name 217th Street and Corbett Road to “BIG JIM” Corcoran way. Mr. Corcoran was a long-time resident of Corbett Road. His family submitted a letter of support. The Committee voted unanimously in favor. A motion was made to approve this request by Mr. Dadras. The motion was seconded by Mr. Popa. There was no discussion on the motion. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 37 in favor and 1 opposed. The motion carried.

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BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Euler gave an update regarding the BSA application for 15 Stuart Lane. He advised the application was approved. He said BSA applications for three gas stations were adjourned: 218-01 Northern Blvd, 204-12 Northern Blvd. and 35-04 Bell Blvd.

Mr. DiBenedetto stated that Bayside Historical Society has an opening for a part-time bookkeeper. Information can be obtained at their office.

Mr. Galatan said that there will be a 5K marathon on April 21, 2022, at Alley Pond Park. Information can be obtained on the Alley Pond Park website.

Mr. Montgomery spoke about a “Get out of Covid” music event at the Catherine Turner Richardson’s Park on April 23, 2022. Also, there will be another recycling event, date to be announced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Environmental and Parks Committee – Henry Euler, Environmental Committee Chair and Paul DiBenedetto, Parks Committee Chair

Mr. Euler stated that Queens Forestry was present at the Committee meeting to discuss tree issues. Also, present was the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) who presented the design and reconstruction of the Little Neck Pump Station on 40th Avenue between 247th and 248th Streets. This station takes in all the wastewater from the surrounding area, about 150 acres. The water is then pumped to treatment centers so that it can be released safely. The current station is below grade. The area currently floods due to poor grading. This proposal will upgrade the station. It will be a one-story building that will blend into the community. The project will begin October 2023 and continue through March 2026. The Committee asked DEP if they could present to local civics. The Committee voted to forward a letter of support. Joan Garippa opposed stating that the building would be too high (20 ft.) and the run-off from the building roof would cause flooding. Majority of the Committee voted in favor. A motion was made by Mr. Euler to approve the design proposal with a condition that DEP meet with the community to discuss the design, answer questions, and problem solve. The motion was seconded by Mr. DiBenedetto. Discussion on the motion ensued. Alicia West, representing DEP, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Lander stated that the improvements would enhance the community and Udall’s Cove. He stated that

there is debris that collects at the station. Ms. West said this is an unmanned facility. If there is debris at the station, it best to call 311 for cleaning. Ms. West addressed Mrs. Garippa's concern regarding the height of the building. Ms. West said the electric pumps will be above grade and the station is 18.6 ft. high. The storm water run-off will be managed onsite. Mr. Euler asked if DEP would meet with the local civics, Little Neck Pines, Udall's Cove and Westmoreland. Ms. West agreed. Mr. DiBenedetto said that this structure is lower than a R2A dwelling. Ms. James stated that the design must be above grade to accommodate the electrical pumps. She agreed with the design and the height. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 36 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions. The motion carried.

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COMMUNITY BOARD OFFICERS ELECTIONS

Elections were chaired by Paul DiBenedetto.

Michael Budabin was nominated for Chair by Paul DiBenedetto. The motion was seconded by Bernard Haber. Mr. Budabin accepted the nomination. There was no other nomination. One vote was cast, electing Michael Budabin as Chair.

Victor Dadras was nominated for 1st Vice Chair by John Kelly. The motion was seconded by Rosemarie Guidice. Mr. Dadras accepted the nomination. There was no other nomination. One vote was cast, electing Victor Dadras as 1st Vice Chair.

Christine Haider was nominated for 2nd Vice Chair by Eileen Miller. The motion was seconded by Christina Scherer. Mrs. Haider accepted the nomination.

Benjamin Turner was nominated for 2nd Vice Chair by John Kelly. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. Mr. Turner accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Each candidate made a brief statement.

A vote by email and phone contact was conducted resulting in 21 votes for Mrs. Haider and 17 votes for Mr. Turner. Mrs. Haider was elected 2nd Vice Chair.

(Christine Haider - Adriana Aviles, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Jack Fried, Joan Garippa, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, Jena Lanzetta, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Allan Palzer, Stephen Pivawer, Christina Scherer)

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During the waiting period, Ms. Burke said the CB11 website is not updated and asked what was happening. Mr. Budabin said he will address with the staff.

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

Eileen Miller was nominated by Mohan Jethwani for 3rd Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by John Kelly. Mrs. Miller accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Each candidate made a brief statement.

A vote by email and phone contact was conducted resulting in 27 votes for Mr. Euler and 11 votes for Mrs. Miller. Mr. Euler was elected 3rd Vice Chair.

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(Eileen Miller – Adriana Aviles, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Victor Dadras, Mario Ferazzoli, Christine Haider, Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Yosef Lee, Eileen Miller, Sam Wong)

The meeting adjourned.