

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

*May 6, 2019*

*Middle School 158*

*46-35 Oceania Street*

*Bayside, NY 11361*

*Eileen Miller - 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 Erdman and Police Officer Galano

*Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:*

Anne Marie Boranian

Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Meredith Wittmann

Representing Assembly Member David Weprin

Kieran Mahoney

Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein

Barbara Baruch

Representing Senator John Liu

Susan Seinfeld

Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik

Maria DiLeone

Representing Congress Member Grace Meng

Justin Connor

Representing Congress Member Tom Suozzi

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

Mrs. Miller led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Anne Marie Boranian announced, on behalf of the Borough President, that there will be a Memorial Day Observance on May 22th.

Police Officer Erdman gave the monthly crime statistics for the District. Police Officer Galano spoke regarding crime prevention.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no registered speakers.

**ROLL CALL**

*Board Members Present:*

Land Bind

Susan Cerezo

Justin Chew

Ocelia Claro

Carmen Collado

Victor Dadras

Lourdes December

Paul DiBenedetto

Mary Donahue

Henry Euler

Elias Fillas

Jack Fried

Albert Galatan

Joan Garippa

Barbara Gillespie

Roy Giusetti

Michael Golia

Rosemarie Guidice

Bernard Haber

Christine Haider

Laura James

Mohan Jethwani

Stanley Jin

Linda Lee

Yosef Lee

Robert Liatto

Fleur Martino

Janet McEneaney

Eileen Miller

Douglas Montgomery

Allan Palzer

Akshar Patel

Wendy Pelle-Beer  
Henry Wang

Stephan Popa  
Alex Yagudaev

Christina Scherer

Benjamin Turner

*Board Members Absent:*

Sila Asa  
George Mihaltses

Michael Budabin  
Stephen Pivawer

Mario Ferazzoli  
Jyothi Sriram

John Kelly

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting by Stephan Popa. The motion was seconded by Henry Euler. Stephan Popa had a correction and Barbara Gillespie had additions. A vote by show of hands was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes with correction and additions. The motion carried.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development and the State Department of Corrections housed eight parolees at the Anchor Inn on Northern Blvd. These parolees were violent sex offenders. Thankfully, our elected officials pressured these agencies to remove the sex offenders to ensure safety for our community. They have been removed from the facility.

In April, the MTA presented to the Borough Board a project called the Queens Bus Network Redesign. The MTA is looking to make the route network as efficient as possible. They will be having an open house for public input in May and June.

The reconstruction is slated to begin this month at the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway and Saul Weprin Playground.

Senator Liu, Assembly Member Braunstein and Council Member Vallone will be hosting a rain barrel and compost giveaway at the Little Neck Bay Parking lot on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

In April, the District Manager and Mrs. Miller attended the North West Bayside Civic Association and the Auburndale Improvement Association. Mrs. Miller also met with the Douglaston LDC.

April 17<sup>th</sup> was the first CB11 Board Member and Staff Meet and Greet. Board Members were invited to the Board office to get to know each other. Mrs. Miller said it is important to build a friendly professional environment. She hopes this is done on an annual basis.

The Borough President hosted the annual Swearing-in Ceremony and orientation for new and reappointed members. Representatives from the Board of Standards and Appeal were present and gave an impressive information session and they also acknowledged Henry Euler for all his efforts in the community.

Congratulations were given to Victor Dadas for receiving the Business Man of the Year award from Council Member Paul Vallone.

Congratulations were given to Linda Lee on being appointed as a Commissioner of Civic Engagement by Mayor de Blasio.

The search is on for a venue for our monthly meetings. The location should be in the district. Mrs. Miller welcomed suggestions.

If anyone has any suggestions or comments, you can drop your comments in the suggestion box at the Board office.

The 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Police Council conducts their meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Jack Fried is the President. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Miller introduced our new Board Members: Carmen Collado, Fleur Martino, Akshar Patel, Michael Golia, Yosef Lee and Stephan Popa.

### **BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS**

Henry Euler gave an update on the April cases heard at the Board of Standards and Appeals.

Mr. Euler stated that the Intro. Bills that were voted on at the last meeting were passed by the City Council.

Mary Donahue said that she was displeased with the response from the DSNY regarding snow removal. Mrs. Miller said that this matter will be brought up at the next Transportation Committee meeting.

Laura James said that on May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Bayside Historical Society will host the Memorial Day Observance at Dermody Triangle.

Lourdes December spoke regarding events hosted by the Friends of Alley Pond Park.

Douglas Montgomery stated the various events in Douglaston and Little Neck including the Memorial Day Parade.

Paul DiBenedetto spoke regarding a Stroll Walk on Bell Blvd.

Mrs. Miller stated that each Board member received a copy of a draft letter to the Commissioner of the Dept. of Transportation regarding the new speed bump policy. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the letter. The motion was seconded by Christine Haider. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the wording of the letter. Roy Giusetti requested paragraph two and a sentence in paragraph three be removed. Board Members agreed. Discussion ensued regarding tabling until next month. Laura James stated that if paragraph two and the sentence in paragraph three were removed, the letter would be acceptable. Benjamin Turner made a correction to letter. Multiple motions were attempted. Christine Haider amended her first motion of approving the letter and added approve with corrections. The motion was seconded by Stephen Popa. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 32 in favor, four opposed, and one present. The motion carried.

***(In-Favor*** – Cerezo, Chew, Claro, Collado, Dadras, DiBenedetto, Euler, Fillas, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Giusetti, Golia, Guidice, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Jin, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Martino, McEneaney, Miller, Palzer, Patel, Pelle-Beer, Popa, Scherer, Wang – ***Opposed*** – December, Donahue, Montgomery, Turner – ***Present*** – Yagudaev)

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**BSA Calendar No. 751-78-BZ – 200-15 Northern Blvd.** – An application to the Board of Standards and Appeals seeks to extend the term of a previous grant permitting in a C2-2 (R3-2) zoning district the change in use of an existing automobile station with accessory uses into an automobile repair establishment. The applicant was not present. There were no registered speakers. North Bayside Zoning Chair, Ocelia Claro reviewed the Committee report of May 2, 2019. The Committee members unanimously made the following recommendations (1) all four clothing bins should be removed from the site, (2) no vehicles parked on the sidewalk, (3) the site should remain clean and free of debris, (4) free of graffiti, (5) any lighting to be directed away from the residences, (6) increase the size of the dumpster or enclose the dumpster site and (7) all prior conditions remain with a ten-year term. Mrs. Claro stated that the applicant has not informed the Board office that his client has agreed to the recommendations. Henry Euler stated that the clothing bins are still on the

site and a parked vehicle is still on the sidewalk. Mr. Euler stated that he was disappointed that nothing has been done since the Zoning Committee meeting of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also suggested the hours of operation to be 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Discussion ensued on the recommended conditions and the wording on the Board of Standards and Appeals Community Board recommendation. Ocelia Claro made a motion to approve the application with the recommendation and with an addition that the applicant was not present at the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Christine Haider. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 33 in favor and five opposed. The motion carried.

**(In-Favor** – Bind, Cerezo, Chew, Claro, Collado, Dadras, December, DiBenedetto, Donahue, Euler, Fillas, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Golia, Guidice, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Jin, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Martino, McEneaney, Miller, Palzer, Patel, Scherer, Turner, Wang – **Opposed** – Giusetti, Montgomery, Pelle-Beer, Popa, Yagudaev)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Landmarks** – Chair, Bernard Haber spoke regarding three approved applications: 902 Shore Road, 249-09 Pine Street and 375 Beverly Road.

**Education** – Chair, Albert Galatan reviewed the Committee report of April 23, 2019 regarding Fair Funding for high schools within the district. He also reviewed a letter being sent to the Dept. of Education requesting an in-depth answer as to why the high schools in the district are funded less. Discussion ensued regarding an additional letter asking for 100% Fair Student Funding for the high schools in the district. Stephan Popa suggested giving the DOE a more detailed plan of the funds needed. He said, in his opinion, a detailed plan will be more successful than just asking for funds. A motion was made by Paul DiBenedetto to forward a second letter asking for Fair Student Funding for the three high schools in our district. The motion was seconded by Mohan Jethwani. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 34 in favor, two opposed and two abstentions. The motion carried.

**(In-Favor** – Bind, Cerezo, Claro, Collado, Dadras, December, Donahue, Euler, Fillas, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Giusetti, Golia, Guidice, Haider, James, Jethwani, Jin, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Martino, McEneaney, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Patel, Popa, Scherer, Turner, Wang, Yagudaev – **Opposed** – Haber, Pelle-Beer – **Abstentions** – Chew, DiBenedetto)

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 9:07 pm.

*Respectfully submitted 05/14/2019*