

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

*November 2, 2020  
Via Zoom Telephone Conference  
Michael Budabin – Chair*

**PRESENT AT MEETING**

*CB 11 Staff:*

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager  
Jane Bentivenga – Community Coordinator

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

*Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:*

Anne Marie Boranian	Representing Queens Borough President Sharon Lee
Dave Fischer	Representing Assembly Member Edward Braunstein
Susan Seinfeld	Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik
Kevin Kiprovski	Representing Council Member Paul Vallone
Jon Gallo	Representing State Senator John Liu
Anthony Lemma, Sr.	Representing Assembly Member Weprin

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

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

Mr. Budabin spoke regarding CB11 joining social media platforms.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

111<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs Officer, Luigi Galano, gave the year-to-date crime statistics for the month. PO Galano answered questions from Board Members.

Susan Seinfeld, representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik, announced that the Councilman will not be running for reelection.

Jon Gallo, representing State Senator Liu, announced local events that the Senator is hosting.

Jaqueline Montgomery, representing Queensborough Community College, spoke regarding continued education classes offered at QCC. She stated that QCC is currently offering scholarships. Additional information has been forwarded to the CB11 office.

Colonel Holliday spoke regarding several various programs available to help Veterans. He wanted to bring awareness to the community. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Colonel direct at 646-951-4406.

## **ROLL CALL**

### *Members Present*

Sila Asa, Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lana Bind, Michael Budabin, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Ocelia Claro, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Barbara Gillespie, Michael Golia, Bernard Haber, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, Stanley Jin, John Kelly, Linda Lee, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Allan Palzer, Aksar Patel, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong

### *Members Absent*

Lander Bravo, Lourdes December, Elias Fillas, Rosemarie Guidice, Christine Haider, Jyothi Sriram

## **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting by Mr. Euler. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dadras. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 37 in favor and 3 present. The minutes were approved as written,

*(In-favor - Sila Asa, Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lana Bind, Michael Budabin, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Ocelia Claro, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Barbara Gillespie, Michael Golia, Bernard Haber, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, Stanley Jin, John Kelly, Linda Lee, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Aksar Patel, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong – Present – Mary Donahue, Joan Garippa, Allan Palzer)*

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

In the month of October, there were several committee meetings conducted; Public Safety and Licensing, Landmarks, Capital and Expense, Public Relations, and a joint Transportation and Environmental meeting. Mr. Budabin gave thanks to all that participated.

CB11 has engaged in a PPE giveaway in every area of the district except for Auburndale and East Flushing which will take place in the upcoming months.

Mr. Budabin gave thanks to Douglas Montgomery for a very successful electronic waste event.

Mr. Budabin gave thanks to all the Board Members that attend and volunteer their services at public events.

Mr. Budabin acknowledged a correction to the CB11 budget by stating that the bottom line is about \$2,800 less than discussed at the October meeting.

There was discussion on how Covid is still a risk.

## **BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Euler gave the updates for the Board of Standards and Appeals open cases within the District.

Mrs. Miller said that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends getting a flu shot.

Mr. Montgomery spoke regarding PPE giveaways and the recent electronic waste event.

Mr. Galatan thanked everyone for their well wishes to him and his family.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Capital and Expense** – Mr. Marziliano and Community Coordinators chaired the Committee meeting. Ms. James made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 list that was circulated. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller. Discussion on the motion. Mr. Turner stated that he was opposed to the reconfiguration of the Northern Blvd. bike lane. He stated that this proposal would not improve the problem with the entrance and exit points of the Cross Island Parkway. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken resulted in 30 in-favor, 5 opposed and 6 abstentions. The motion carried. Mr. Budabin said that the Committee discussed a plan for the next fiscal year to be more of a streamlined the process and he invited all to attend. Ms. Gillespie suggested adding a date when the request was made.

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## **MONTH AHEAD**

Mr. Budabin stated that discussion took place at most recent Public Relations Committee meeting regarding Mr. Kelly's proposal of posting CB11 meetings on social media. The Committee voted in favor of posting the audio versions of a meeting at a reasonable time after the meeting. This will be discussed and taken to vote at the December General meeting.

Mr. Bubabin spoke regarding NYC's Destination Greenways Project. He stated that this a joint project with the Dept. of Transportation and Parks Dept. to connect communities to the greenways. There will be a meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Information will be sent to Board members. A sub-committee of the Transportation Committee has been formed. Several points will be discussed and brought to the full Board. Mr. Budabin welcomed all Members to get involved with this topic. Mr. Dadras stated that there is a preregistration for the meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Douglas Montgomery. The motion was seconded by Mr. Popa. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.