

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

October 7, 2019

Korean Community Service Center

203-05 32 Avenue

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:

Police Officer John Erdman – 111th Precinct

City Agencies:

Scott Solomon – Dept. of City Planning

Anthony Iuliano – Dept. of Buildings

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:

Anne Marie Boranian

Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Kieran Mahoney

Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein

Justin Connor

Representing Congress Member Suozzi

Barbara Baruch

Representing Senator John Liu

David Noh

Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik

Maria DiLeone

Representing Congress Member Grace Meng

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by the Chair, Eileen Miller.

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

Mrs. Miller thanked Bernard Haber for 50 years of service on the Community Board.

Justin Connor said there will be a joint event hosted by Congress Member Suozzi and US Army Corps of Engineers regarding tidal gates near the Throgs Neck Bridge.

Barbara Baruch spoke regarding the installation of bioswales by Dept. of Environmental Protection. She stated that any information or complaints can be directed to her at Senator Liu's office.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Scott Solomon, Dept. of City Planning, spoke regarding a training workshop for Queens Community Board Members to explain what City Planning does and how zoning works.

Adriana Aviles spoke regarding the Dept. of Education's tentative community playground for P.S. 221 that will not be open to the public due to lack of funding. She asked the Board for support.

Steve Newman congratulated Bernard Haber for being on the Board for 50 years. He also thanked Mr. Haber for all his years of service. Mr. Newman spoke regarding legislation to protect the Modified Trump Tax Law. He also said that the Board should organize climate change impacts within the District. The Zoning, Environmental and Budget Committees should look into a proposal to protect Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck which are surrounded by water.

Police Officer Erdman give information regarding NCO Sector meetings and crime prevention.

Stephen Dedalto spoke regarding the upcoming election and early voting which starts on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Sila Asa	Michael Budabin	Susan Cerezo	Justin Chew
Ocelia Claro	Carmen Collado	Victor Dadras	Paul DiBenedetto
Mary Donahue	Henry Euler	Mario Ferazzoli	Elias Fillas
Albert Galatan	Joan Garippa	Barbara Gillespie	Roy Giusetti
Michael Golia	Bernard Haber	Christine Haider	Laura James
Mohan Jethwani	John Kelly	Linda Lee	Yosef Lee
Fleur Martino	Janet McEneaney	Eileen Miller	Douglas Montgomery
Allan Palzer	Akshar Patel	Stephen Pivawer	Stephan Popa
Christina Scherer	Jyothi Sriram	Benjamin Turner	Henry Wang
Alex Yagudaev			

Board Members Absent:

Lana Bind	Lourdes December	Jack Fried	Rosemarie Guidice
Stanley Jin	Robert Liatto	George Mihaltses	Wendy Pelle-Ber

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 9th meeting by Joan Garippa. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. A vote by show of hands was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as written. The motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Northwest Bayside Civic had a carnival that was well attended.

The renaming of Bayside Hills Memorial Mall had a large turnout and was a nice tribute to the members of our community who lost their lives in 9/11.

The Bell Blvd. stroll was a huge success.

The Douglaston LDC had movie night in Douglaston on the pedestrian mall with free popcorn and drinks.

There was a joint committee meeting with Community Board 8 and 11 regarding the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway Pedestrian Bridge that will be redone by the Dept. of Parks. The Dept. of Parks gave a presentation with all of the details. Information is in your monthly packets. Both Community Boards agreed that is a great project that will benefit both Communities.

There was a Transportation Committee meeting on September 24, 2019. We were able to work to solve some of the problems in our community such as school safety. We will be having monthly meetings as necessary to continue with our work in this area. We also went on an onsite walk with DOT Borough Commissioner Garcia. She toured two areas in our Community. This will be discussed in greater detail in the Transportation Committee report.

Please get your flu vaccination before the flu season is in full swing. We want to let everyone know that drug stores are giving them and accept most health insurance.

On October 21, 2019, the Auburndale Library located at 25-55 Francis Lewis Boulevard, will be celebrating its 50-year anniversary from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. They will be hosting events for kids such as an animal show, face painting and game time. Everyone is welcome!

On October 10, 2019, Senator John Liu will be hosting a meeting regarding the northern and eastern Queens bus redesign at 211-12 Union Turnpike at 7:00 pm. All the bus lines in Queens are under redesign and it is important that our residents make their voices and needs heard.

The Dept. of Sanitation has begun picking up electronic waste. Collection will take place in our District on Wednesdays, and you will need to call ahead to the DSNY District office.

Bernard Haber was honored by the Queens Borough President for 50 years of service. It truly is an honor to have such a distinguished member of our Community Board who has given 50 years of service. In celebration of this, the Executive Board would like you to join us after this meeting for coffee and cake in his honor.

There was a round of applause for Bernard Haber. Thank you, Bernard Haber.

PUBLIC HEARING

BSA Calendar No. 2019-174 BZ – 45-58 Bell Boulevard – The applicant's representative, Victor Han, said that this is an application to the Board of Standards and Appeals to gain a new special permit allowing the use of a martial arts gym at the cellar level of a three-story commercial building. There were no registered speakers. Zoning Committee Chair, Eileen Miller, reviewed the Committee report of August 5, 2019. A Committee vote was taken and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Eileen Miller to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. There was no discussion on the motion. A roll call vote was taken resulting unanimously in favor. The motion carried.

(In-Favor – Asa, Budabin, Cerezo, Chew, Claro, Collado, Dadras, DiBenedetto, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fillas, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Giusetti, Golia, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Kelly, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Martino, McEneaney, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Patel, Pivawer, Popa, Scherer, Sriram, Turner, Wang, Yagudaev)

Capital & Expense Budget Priorities – Area Coordinators – Christine Haider, Laura James, Eileen Miller, Jyothi Sriram. Mrs. Miller stated that the Committee has to meet again next month to finalize the list before referring to the full Board. There was one public speaker. Roberta Lawrence, made a request for the two green areas between Nassau Blvd. and Horace Harding Service Road be turned into park area for the community to enjoy. Mrs. Miller said that request will be viewed.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Henry Euler gave an update on open BSA cases. Mr. Euler stated that the Auburndale Improvement Association will be having a meeting on October 15th at 7:30 pm and the Commissioner of the Charter Revision Commission will speak regarding the five proposals on the November ballot.

Douglas Montgomery said that October 12th there will be a Safe Disposal Program at Cunningham Park, October 19th there will be electronic recycling at St. Anastasia Church and October 26th there will be a shredding event at 40-60 Douglaston Parkway.

Christine Haider stated that her husband's street co-naming is tentatively set for October 29th at 1:00 pm. All are invited. She is still awaiting confirmation from the Dept. of Transportation.

Mary Donahue said that will be a free concert by Daniel Rodriguez at St. Kevin Parish.

Carmen Collado spoke regarding delays of the Q28 bus. She said the bus runs late and then two buses come, one is crowded and one is not. She asked the Transportation Committee to discuss this topic.

Janet McEneaney said that the Port Authority and FAA will be having a meeting on October 17th at 1:00 pm regarding a consultant's proposal for noise abatement for La Guardia Airport.

Jyothi Sriram also spoke regarding problems with public bus transportation. This topic will be discussed at the next Transportation Committee meeting.

Susan Cerezo said that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. She spoke about screening and proper testing. Also, the Making Strides walk on October 20th.

Paul DiBenedetto gave the upcoming events of the Bayside Historical Society.

Jyothi Sriram spoke regarding domestic violence and how someone can seek help.

Stephan Popa thanked Bernard Haber for his service. He spoke in addition to the public speaker regarding P.S. 221 and how the playground request could be a capital expense.

Albert Galatan thanked the 111th Precinct for their support with the marathon that took place in Bayside. He also congratulated Henry Wang for completing a full marathon in 3 hours and 41 seconds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks – Eileen Miller reviewed the Parks Committee report of September 26, 2019. This meeting was in regards to the reconstruction of the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway.

Transportation – Victor Dadras, Committee Chair, reviewed the Transportation Committee report of September 24, 2019. He stated that the meeting ran two hours and there were items still not covered. He added that there will be a Committee meeting once a month. Mr. Dadras said that the Committee voted unanimously in favor of a feasibility study for traffic improvements in the vicinity of P.S. 98 and P.S. 94. Discussion ensued on the procedures of requesting a feasibility study. Mr. Marziliano said that the CB makes the request, once the agency agrees, the community is canvassed. Mr. Dadras said the Committee also voted unanimously in favor of introducing a resolution in favor of One-Swipe Parity of the Port Washington Branch for Queens Residents. Mr. Dadras read the proposed resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Paul DiBenedetto. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. Discussion ensued as to how Nassau and other non-community residents park on the residential streets to use the Port Washington Branch and how expensive it is to commute on the LIRR. Janet McEneaney said she was opposed to the resolution. She said that the resolution was not very thought out. She continued that the train is already overcrowded and asked how the LIRR would be compensated for the program. Mr. Popa asked if proof of residency could be provided to show rider lives in Queens. Barbara Gillespie said that she commutes daily on the LIRR and subway and it is costly. She wrote a letter to the Board last year on this matter and how it is a pilot program in south Queens. It was discussed that only a daily ticket can be purchased under this program. Mr. Dadras said that the resolution needs to be revised. A motion was made to table until next month by Paul DiBenedetto. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. A vote by show of hands resulted 34 in favor and four opposed. The motion to table carried.

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Mr. Dadras said that research students from Hunter College presented an in-depth study regarding improvements in the district. A survey was emailed to Board Members. John Kelly said he did not receive such email. Mr. Maziliano will double check to get him the emails moving forward.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted 10/10/2019