

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

*September 9, 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:

111th Precinct - Police Officer Luigi Galano

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:

Anne Marie Boranian

Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Kieran Mahoney

Representing Assembly Member Ed Braunstein

Isabel Pulgarin

Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic

Barbara Baruch

Representing Senator John Liu

Susan Seinfeld

Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik

Maria DiLeone

Representing Congress Member Grace Meng

Meredith Wittmann

Representing Assembly Member David Weprin

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.

Maria DiLeone spoke regarding events hosted by Congress Member Grace Meng.

Barbara Baruch spoke regarding events hosted by Senator John Liu.

Susan Seinfeld spoke regarding events hosted by Council Member Barry Grodenchik

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Christina Vasilas spoke regarding how the Bayside LIRR station is in need of enhanced updates. She contacted the MTA and was told that CB11 denied this request in the past. This was referred to the Transportation Committee and was asked to be discussed at the committee meeting.

Robert Rappo spoke regarding the proposed assisted living facility at the vacant site on 61st Avenue. He said that this will cause major congestion to the area and was opposed.

Chris Capo asked for direction as to how the Bayside Volunteer Ambulance Corp. could be reopened.

Stephanie Lizza representing New York-Presbyterian introduced herself as the new Manager of Community Affairs.

David Solano and Gregg Sullivan spoke regarding Fair Student Funding for Bayside High School. They asked for support by local elected officials.

Michael Feiner announced the Bayside Hills Civic Association annual 9/11 Memorial ceremony.

Stephen Dedalto spoke regarding 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	Lourdes December
Paul DiBenedetto	Mary Donahue	Henry Euler	Mario Ferazzoli
Elias Fillas	Jack Fried	Albert Galatan	Joan Garippa
Roy Giusetti	Michael Golia	Rosemarie Guidice	Bernard Haber
Christine Haider	Laura James	Mohan Jethwani	Stanley Jin
John Kelly	Linda Lee	Yosef Lee	Robert Liatto
Fleur Martino	Janet McEneaney	George Mihaltzes	Eileen Miller
Allan Palzer	Akshar Patel	Stephen Pivawer	Stephan Popa
Christina Scherer	Jyothi Sriram	Benjamin Turner	Henry Wang
Alex Yagudaev			

Board Members Absent:

Lana Bind	Barbara Gillespie	Douglas Montgomery	Wendy Pelle-Beer
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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 3rd meeting by Stephan Popa. The motion was seconded by Jack Fried. A vote by show of hands was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as written. The motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair opened with welcome back from a long, and hopefully restful, summer recess and welcome to our new venue.

Ms. Miller continued with "I'm very excited to welcome you to the Korean Community Service Center. I hope this venue will have better lighting, acoustics, and temperature control, as well as handicap access. You'll also notice that we have conference table seating in a large 'U' shape for Board Members and rows of folding chairs for attendees. The applicants and public participants will now address the full Board when speaking.

We have been busy over the summer with meetings for variances and Landmarks applications which will be discussed under Committee Reports.

Victor Dadras, the Transportation Committee Chair, and I met with the Dept. of Transportation Borough Commissioner and staff to discuss various issues in our communities.

I look forward to a productive year dealing with issues pertaining to the community we represent. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the Community Board Office.

On September 11, 2019, the Bayside Hills Civic Association will have their annual 9/11 Ceremony. This will also be a co-naming of the northeast corner of Bell Blvd. and Horace Harding Expressway to "Bayside Hills 9/11 Memorial Way" Everyone is welcome to share in this historic moment and honor those who lost their lives on that horrific day. This will begin at 7:00 pm.

The Northwest Bayside Civic Association will hold their annual carnival on September 14, 2019 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at 204th Street and 29th Avenue. Everyone is welcome to come, enjoy and meet your neighbors.

This Fall the NYC Council Charter Revision Commission, has started holding informational sessions to fully inform the public of the upcoming ballot questions. The next one in Queens will take place on October 15, 2019 at Queens Borough Hall in the Helen Marshall Cultural Arts Center. For more information visit www.charter2019.nyc/.

Ms. Miller concluded her report stating that the Community Board is not just a volunteer agency, but it is also one that should highlight great Community Service in our neighborhood. One of our local young residents, Joelle Galatan, volunteers with "Bike New York" to help special needs children to learn to ride a bike. As NY1 recently wrote about her, "In just two years of operation, dozens have completed the course giving them a sense of independence, confidence, and a feeling of empowerment." Joelle is also the daughter of our own Board Member, Albert Galatan. The Board thanks you for your great community service!

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Henry Euler gave an update on the Board of Standards and Appeals open cases.

Janet McEneaney expressed how pleased she was with the new meeting venue. She also discussed how the bus schedules for the area, including the Q31, were removed about three weeks ago. This issue was referred to the Transportation Committee to be discussed at the next meeting.

Christine Haider thanked everyone for their well wishes, cupcakes, balloons and notes while she was recovering from surgery. Ms. Haider said that she was unable to attend the June meeting because of her surgery but is happy to say that the street co-naming for her husband, Howard Haider, has been approved by the City Council. She also said that she attended a meeting with Assembly Member Braunstein regarding improvements at the Bayside LIRR station. This topic was referred to the Transportation Committee to be discussed at the next meeting.

Paul DiBenedetto spoke at length regarding Bayside HS Fair Student Funding. There will be a press conference at 10:00 am on Friday, September 13th.

Jyothi Sriram addressed the new Q12 bus service and its problems. This topic was referred to the Transportation Committee to be discussed at the next meeting.

Laura James announced events hosted by the Bayside Historical Society.

Stephan Popa said that the process to become a Board Member will be starting. Applications are due by January 2020.

Henry Wang congratulated Albert Galatan on completing a 50K run. Mr. Wang said there was a recent tragedy on the tracks on the LIRR and he asked for the Transportation Committee to look into safety measures.

PUBLIC HEARING

BSA Calendar No. 764-56 BZ – 200-05 Horace Harding Expressway – An application to the Board of Standards and Appeals to amend the approval of the existing auto service station to convert the existing office space into a concession area and extend the building to include a service bay, office, and storage space. Alfonso Duarte, representing the applicant, stated that this application is to amend the recently approved application. He said that the hours of the convenience store be will from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm. There were no registered speakers. Zoning Committee Chair, Christine Haider, read the Committee report of August 15, 2019. A Committee vote was taken and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Christine Haider to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Joan Garippa. Discussion ensued. Henry Euler, as Vice President of the Auburndale Improvement Civic Association, said that this station has an excellent reputation. Mr. Euler said he was concerned with the tires in the back of the building but the owner has given assurance that once the bay is built, the tires would be stored inside. An addition was made to the committee report adding Mr. Euler requested that the wall on 201 Street be painted and there be no vehicles without plates stored on the site. A roll call vote was taken resulting unanimously in favor. The motion carried.

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

BSA Calendar No. 2019-200 BZ – 41-19 Bell Blvd. – An application to the Board of Standards and Appeals to seek a special permit to legalize the operation of a Physical Culture Establishment on a portion of the first floor and cellar of the existing building. Amanda Iannotti, representing the applicant, stated that this application is to legalize the operation of a gym and training facility. There were no registered speakers. Zoning Committee Chair, Ocelia Claro, read the report of September 3, 2019. Ms. Claro stated that the Committee Members had concerns with the fire exit that was blocked with debris while under construction and the owner of the adjacent building asked if they could have access to the alleyway. A motion was made to approve the application by Ocelia Claro. The motion was second by Christine Haider. A question and answer period followed. The main concern was the blocked fire exit. Ms. Iannotti stated that the debris has been cleared and Board Members were invited to view. A roll call vote was taken resulting unanimously in favor. The motion carried.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landmarks – Chair, Bernard Haber said three applications were submitted to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. First, 140 Prospect Avenue, an application to legalize

paving a portion of the side yard and installing built-in outdoor furniture without a permit. Second, 259 Hollywood, a property that is currently under construction without permits. The Committee agreed that the recommendation to the LPC would include that the applicant has been working without permits. Lastly, 15 Center Drive is an application for a proposed renovation and addition to the kitchen and garage.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted 09/19/2019