

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

March 2, 2020

Korean Community Service Center

203-05 32 Avenue

Bayside, NY 11361

Eileen Miller - Chair

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

NYPD:

Captain John Portalatin - Commanding Officer 111th Precinct

Police Officer Baimadajie Angwang – 111th Precinct

Police Officer Chas Briant – 111th Precinct

Police Officer John Wright – 111th Precinct

City Agencies

Hope Thompson – Administration for Children Services (ACS)

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:

Sharon Lee	Acting Queens Borough President
Hon. Barry Grodenchik	23 rd Councilmanic District
Anne Marie Boranian	Representing Queens Borough President Sharon Lee
Kieran Mahoney	Representing Assembly Member Edward Braunstein
Susan Seinfeld	Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik
Kevin Kiprasic	Representing Council Member Paul Vallone
Steve Behar	Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik
Isabel Pulgarin	Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic
Barbara Baruch	Representing State Senator Liu

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by the Chair, Eileen Miller.

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

Council Member Barry Grodenchik spoke regarding two pedestrian fatalities that recently took place on Bell Blvd; one at 75th Avenue and another at 48th Avenue. CM Grodenchik stated that he has asked the Dept. of Transportation to study the entire corridor of Bell Blvd. He reported that the extension of Benjamin Cardozo HS is underway. The former St. Roberts School is under construction and will be a NYC public elementary school, scheduled to open in September 2020. CM Grodenchik also spoke regarding Lavoo Lounge. He stated that there have been several incidents at this establishment. He has spoken to Assembly Member David Weprin, State Senator Liu and the Office of the Governor to inquire about removing their Liquor License.

Captain Portalatin spoke regarding Lavoo Lounge. He said that the incident at Lavoo is under investigation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stephen Dedalto stated that early voting for the Queens Borough President will take place at KCS. Same venue as tonight's meeting.

Isabel Pulgarin spoke regarding events hosted by Assembly Member Nily Rozic.

Barbara Baruch spoke regarding events hosted by State Senator Liu.

Hope Thompson, representing ACS, spoke regarding services offered.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Sila Asa	Lana Bind	Michael Budabin	Susan Cerezo
Justin Chew	Ocelia Claro	Victor Dadras	Lourdes December
Mary Donahue	Henry Euler	Mario Ferazzoli	Jack Fried
Albert Galatan	Joan Garippa	Barbara Gillespie	Roy Giusetti
Rosemarie Guidice	Bernard Haber	Christine Haider	Mohan Jethwani
Stanley Jin	John Kelly	Linda Lee	Yosef Lee
Robert Liatto	Fleur Martino	Eileen Miller	Douglas Montgomery
Allan Palzer	Wendy Pelle-Beer	Stephan Popa	Christina Scherer
Jyothi Sriram	Benjamin Turner	Henry Wang	

Board Members Absent:

Carmen Collado	Paul DiBenedetto	Elias Fillas	Michael Golia
Laura James	Janet McEneaney	George Mihaltses	Akshar Patel
Stephen Pivawer	Alex Yagudaev		

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Ms. Miller visited the home of Mandingo Tshaka who was influential in the restoration of the old Flushing burial grounds. Many years ago, he was a member of Community Board 11. Mr. Tshaka sends his regards.

On February 13th, Ms. Miller attended the 2020 Census Project at Borough Hall. They will be sending out forms starting the 2nd week of March and they stressed the importance that privacy is protected. The census is very important for community initiatives. Most libraries will have forms and computer information. The library staff will be able to assist with filling out the forms. We stress the importance of completing and submitting the census forms since it is extremely important.

The MTA held a workshop that was co-sponsored by CB11, State Senator John Liu and other elected officials. This was a step in the right direction to improve services for our communities. It was very well attended and a great amount of input was received by the MTA. Thank you to the continued hard work of the Transportation Committee Members and all who attended this workshop. There will be another workshop on April 1, 2020 at the Hollis Hills Jewish Center 210-10 Union Turnpike Hollis Hills NY 11364.

Ms. Miller attended the Borough Board meeting on February 25th. Discussed was the 2021 Preliminary Budget presented by Budget Director, Richard Lee. This budget is pending approval of The City Council and the Mayor. This report entails our Board's requests as well as the entire Borough of Queens.

On March 5th, Borough President Sharon Lee will hold a Women's HERstory celebration from 6:00 -8:00 pm at the Helen Marshall Cultural Center. All are invited.

NYC Dept. of Education, District 26, will be opening a new elementary school in September 2020 located at 56-10 216th Street. This is a non-zoned school, therefore, all neighborhoods may register.

Congratulations to Mr. Montgomery for being named Man of the Year by the Douglaston/Little Neck Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Congratulations to Mr. Dadras for being presented with a Community Service Award by the Douglaston/Little Neck Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Ms. Miller stated that recently she received questions as to why she switched the monthly meeting venue. Prior to reserving KCS for the CB11 meetings, Ms. Miller had received complaints from Board Members regarding the uncomfortable accommodations at the prior venue. Some Board Members had to bring cushions due to hard seating. There were also complaints of confusion as to who was a Board Member because Community Members would sit in the first three rows. She decided it was time to look for a new venue. At the June meeting, Ms. Miller announced she went to several area churches and schools to try and find a new venue. She was looking for a venue that would provide a professional and comfortable environment. She had spoken to the Director of KCS, Ms. Lee, who assured her KCS would be available for at least one year. Ms. Miller and Mr. Marziliano decided that of all the places, KCS had the most professional atmosphere. We decided that this would be our new venue.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 2nd meeting by Douglas Montgomery. 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.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Euler gave an update regarding open cases with the Board of Standards and Appeals.

Ms. Scherer said that Council Member Vallone is preparing for Participatory Budget Consultation. A list of items has not been drafted but voting will begin the end of March 2020. She asked that when the CB11 office receives information, it be forwarded to Board Members.

Mr. Palzer presented a proposal of a monthly chairperson's report, a monthly district manager's report and a budget report. He also discussed having meetings video recorded. Ms. Miller stated that she has spoken to staff at the Borough President's office and was advised that video recording is costly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health – Ms. Miller, Committee Chair, read the Committee report of February 27, 2020. At the Committee meeting she discussed vaping, mental health and Coronavirus. She stated that if anyone had any questions, they could email her directly at CB11Chair@gmail.com

Library – Mr. Turner, Committee Chair, reviewed the report of February 18, 2020. Mr. Turner stated that the Committee unanimously approved forwarding a letter to Governor Cuomo asking for full library aid funding in the NYS Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Expense Budget. Mr. Palzer asked for an update on the construction to the Little Neck/Douglaston Library. Mr. Turner stated that the branch is being reconstructed and the soil is being tested prior to rebuilding. Ms. Sriram stated that programs need to be expanded to all the libraries.

Transportation – Mr. Dadras, Committee Chair, reviewed the items of the February 21, 2020 committee report. Mr. Dadras said this meeting was scheduled to prepare the Committee for questions to be asked at the MTA Workshop. He thanked Mr. Popa for all his efforts on this matter and all the members that participated. Mr. Dadras stated that the bus redesign will also be discussed at the March Transportation Committee meeting as well as the incidents that took place on Bell Blvd. as discussed earlier by CM Grodenchik.

COMMUNITY BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections were chaired by Mohan Jethwani and Christina Scherer.

Motions were made to nominate the Board Officers as follows:

Eileen Miller was nominated for Chair by Susan Cerezo. The nomination was seconded by Fleur Martino. Ms. Miller accepted the nomination. Michael Budabin was nominated for Chair by Rosemarie Giudice. The nomination was seconded by Jyothi Sriram. Mr. Budabin accepted the nomination. Both candidates briefly spoke regarding their mission if elected. Mr. Kelly asked both Ms. Miller and Mr. Budabin if they would agree to take minutes or video anytime there is a meeting between someone on Community Board 11 and an elected official or other organization. Ms. Miller responded that she tries to inform the Board Members of any such meetings during her monthly announcements at Board meetings. Mr. Budabin responded that he thinks it is important to keep Board members reasonably informed of such meetings, but how that information is disseminated needs to be considered in terms of what is reasonably feasible. Mr. Popa asked to describe how community involvement would be instituted. Mr. Budabin stated that one of the ways to involve the community would be to set a positive environment at the Board meetings, so residents want to return. Ms. Miller said that she would take ideas into consideration. A vote by written ballot was collected resulting in 18 in favor of Mr. Budabin and 17 in favor of Ms. Miller.

Mr. Budabin will be the Chair starting April 1, 2020.

(Michael Budabin – Asa, Budabin, Claro, December, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Giusetti, Guidice, Jin, Kelly, L. Lee, Liatto, Montgomery, Pelle-Beer, Sriram, Turner –
Eileen Miller – Bind, Cerezo, Chew, Dadras, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Haber, Haider, Jethwani, Y. Lee, Martino, Miller, Palzer, Popa, Scherer, Wang)

Christine Haider was nominated for 1st Vice Chair by Ms. Claro. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Guidice. Ms. Haider accepted the nomination. Eileen Miller was nominated for 1st Vice Chair by John Kelly. Ms. Miller declined the nomination. Victor Dadras was nominated for 1st Vice Chair by Mr. Turner. Mr. Dadras declined the nomination. Jyothi Sriram was nominated for 1st Vice Chair by Mr. Budabin. The nomination was seconded by Henry Wang. Ms. Sriram accepted the nomination. Both candidates were given time to speak. There were no questions from the Board.

The elections were suspended to introduce Acting Borough President Sharon Lee.

Sharon Lee said she wanted to say hello and farewell. The election for Borough President will take place on March 24, 2020. She spoke regarding the 2020 Census.

The Community Board Officer Election resumed.

A vote by written ballot was collected resulting in 27 in favor for Ms. Haider and 8 in favor of Ms. Sriram. Ms. Haider will continue as 1st Vice Chair.

(Christine Haider – Asa, Bind, Cerezo, Chew, Claro, Dadras, December, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fried, Galatan, Giusetti, Guidice, Haber, Haider, Jethwani, Jin, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Martino, Miller, Montgomery, Pelle-Beer, Scherer, Wang – **Jyothi Sriram** – Budabin, Garippa, Gillespie, Kelly, Palzer, Popa, Sriram, Turner)

Victor Dadras was nominated for 2nd Vice Chair by Mario Ferazzoli. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Guidice. One vote was cast by Mr. Jethwani to re-elect Mr. Dadras as 2nd Vice Chair.

Henry Euler was nominated for 3rd Vice Chair by Ms. Guidice. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Miller. One vote was cast by Ms. Scherer to re-elect Mr. Euler as 3rd Vice Chair.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted 3/6/2020