

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

April 6, 2020

Via Zoom Telephone Conference

Michael Budabin – Chair

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

Jane Bentivenga – Community Coordinator

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:

John Liu

State Senator

Nily Rozic

Assembly Member

Anne Marie Boranian

Representing Queens Borough President Sharon Lee

Dave Fischer

Representing Assembly Member Edward Braunstein

Susan Seinfeld

Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik

Kevin Kiprasic

Representing Council Member Paul Vallone

Isabel Pulgarin

Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic

Maria Dileone

Representing Congress Member Grace Meng

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 the various impacts caused by Covid-19. He explained the process of conducting a digital meeting. Mr. Budabin wished Council Members Paul Vallone and Barry Grodenchik both a speedy recovery from COVID-19.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

State Senator John Liu gave an update on the current State Budget. He stated that the State was already in a difficult situation when the budget was proposed in January by Governor Cuomo and even worse now with the Covid-19 catastrophe. Mr. Liu stated that there are cuts to every area but public school funding. Mr. Liu offered to schedule a separate meeting with Mr. Budabin and any Board Member that would want additional information.

Assembly Member Nily Rozic said that her office is readily available for questions. She said that New York State is still on pause until April 29th. Elections have been pushed back until June.

Marie DiLeone said the office is accepting telephone and email messages. Small Business relief information flyers are available on the Congresswoman's website.

Susan Seinfeld stated Council Member Grodenchik is feeling better. The office is accepting telephone and email messages.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Michael Budabin	Ocelia Claro	Carmen Collado	Victor Dadras
Lourdes December	Mary Donahue	Henry Euler	Mario Ferazzoli
Jack Fried	Albert Galatan	Barbara Gillespie	Roy Giusetti
Rosemarie Guidice	Bernard Haber	Christine Haider	Laura James
John Kelly	Linda Lee	Yosef Lee	Fleur Martino
Eileen Miller	Douglas Montgomery	Allan Palzer	Akshar Patel
Wendy Pelle-Beer	Stephen Pivawer	Stephan Popa	Christina Scherer
Jyothi Sriram	Benjamin Turner	Alex Yagudaev	

Board Members Absent:

Sila Asa	Lana Bind	Susan Cerezo	Justin Chew
Paul DiBenedetto	Elias Fillas	Joan Garippa	Michael Golia
Mohan Jethwani	Stanley Jin	Robert Liatto	Janet McEneaney
George Mihaltzes	Henry Wang		

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting by Mr. Euler. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Haider. Mr. Kelly asked for a correction to the minutes to add his question and the answers from Mr. Budabin and Mrs. Miller regarding the documentation of minutes for all meetings. The vote was tabled until the May meeting to ensure that the correct wording is written.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Budabin gave his condolences to Susan Cerezo on the loss of her brother, Romeo and for 111th Precinct School Safety Agent, Linosee Mosley. He asked that we all share a moment of silence in their honor and also for all the others that we have lost due to the pandemic.

The meeting resumed.

Mr. Budabin said we are living in unprecedented times. While there has certainly been a lot of terrible news regarding Covid-19, he has seen so much good by the people of our community. From the health care workers, first responders, other essential workers and CB11 that are keeping the City running during this pandemic. As well as friends, families and neighbors who are all looking out for each other. Mr. Budabin stated that he sees care and commitment in our community every day. Over the last month CB11 has been trying to do its part. Our District office was the first in the borough to begin working remotely from home in conjunction with the City's social distancing effort. Our staff has been working remotely by bringing personal protective equipment donations to St. Mary's Hospital for Children, to provide regular updates via email to our residents and host our meetings digitally. We are working hard to make sure we stay available to our community during these challenging and difficult times. As there is a lot of information coming into the office, we have tried to consolidate the process by creating a weekly digest. This will avoid numerous emails being forwarded and information being lost. If a Board Member would like to discuss this procedure, feel free to contact Mr. Budabin or Mr. Marziliano.

Mr. Budabin said that new Board Member appointees will begin their term May 31, 2020 and outgoing Board Members will remain until May 31, 2020. Any decisions regarding committee appointments will be determined after that time.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Budabin stated that Board Members were asked in advance to register to speak during the board member new business segment of the agenda to keep it orderly. Mr. Euler and Ms. Martino had registered. Mr. Budabin said he would open the microphone for any Board Members that wanted to speak.

Mr. Euler gave an update of the Board of Standards and Appeals cases; (1) Physical Culture establishment located at 45-58 Bell Blvd. is closed and granted, (2) Genesis Auto located at 200-15 Northern Blvd. is closed, (3) and McDonald's located at 250-01 Northern Blvd. is continued. The applicant needs to resolve lighting, landscaping and some other issues.

Ms. Martino deferred her time to the Chair. She said she would forward an email.

Mr. Budabin spoke regarding a section of the CB11 By-Laws that requires a hard copy of board and committee meeting notices to be forwarded by mail to the Board Members. He said he is interested in temporarily suspending this section for the May and June meetings and replacing it with email only. There would be a condition that two Board Members that don't have a computer will still receive hard copies by mail. Mr. Budabin said that the CB11 staff is taking part in the request of social distancing and the staff is working remotely for their safety. Mr. Budabin stated that Borough Hall has been contacted for guidance. Mr. Euler made a motion to temporarily suspend mailing hard copies of meeting notices to Board Members for May and June and be revisited at the June meeting. Notices will be sent by email with the exception of Joan Garippa and Mary Donahue who will receive a hard copy. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Haider. A roll call vote was taken resulting on 31 on favor. The motion carried.

(In-favor-Budabin, Claro, Collado, Dadras, December, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fried, Galatan, Gillespie, Giuseti, Guidice, Haber, Haider, James, Kelly, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Martino, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Patel, Pelle-Beer, Pivawer, Popa, Scherer, Sriram, Turner, Yagudaev)

Mrs. Haider asked where she can make a donation to get supplies to our local areas. Mr. Budabin said there are several resources and he did not want to promote one organization over another.

Ms. Gillespie spoke regarding the safety of essential retail workers at big box stores. She said various big box stores are not limiting shopping to the sale of essential items only. Therefore, shoppers that are bored are found walking around the store buying non-essential items and putting workers at risk. She asked if the Board could take a stand on this topic. She suggested that maybe State Senator John Liu could receive a request from the Board to address this topic with the Governor's office. Mr. Budabin said this a good point. He stated that on April 22, 2020 there will be a Health Committee meeting and this topic can be addressed. In the meantime we can reach out to our local elected officials and gather information. Mr. Popa said that this would have to be extended to Nassau County. Mr. Budabin said this would be discussed at the Health Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – Justin Chew, Committee Chair, was not present. Mr. Marziliano stated that the Committee had discussed the violent attacks at M.S. 158Q, Marie Curie. The Committee voted unanimously in favor to forward a letter to District 26 Superintendent Danielle Giunta for any and all reports on these incidents and the resulting disciplinary actions.

Landmarks – Bernard Haber, Committee Chair, stated that the Committee discussed the application for the property located at 265 Park Lane. This application was to change the windows on the side porches. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the application.

Public Safety – Jack Fried, Committee Chair, reviewed the items of the March 19, 2020 committee report. There were three applications the most contentious being Lavoo Lounge located at 78-33 Springfield Blvd. This was an application for a change of ownership. This establishment recently had several NYPD incidents including multiple stabbing and gunshot assaults. The Committee voted unanimously to deny this application. A letter was sent to the New York State Liquor Authority opposing the application with copies to all local elected officials.

MONTH AHEAD

Mr. Budabin stated that on April 22, 2020, 7:30 pm there will be a Health Committee Meeting. The general agenda will be community issues related to COVID-19. This week the staff will reach out to the local civic associations to see if they would like to add questions or concerns on the agenda. Mr. Budabin also asked the Board Members if they had any questions to be added, they could email him, Mrs. Miller or Mr. Marziliano.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted 4/16/2020