

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

*January 6, 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:

Police Officer Baimadajie Angwang – 111th Precinct

City Agencies:

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 Edward Braunstein
Marie DiLeone	Representing Congress Member Grace Meng
Susan Seinfeld	Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik
Isabel Pulgarin	Representing Assembly Member Nily Rozic
Kevin Kiprovski	Representing Council Member Paul Vallone

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.

Police Officer Angwang stated that the 111th Precinct Commanding Officer John Hall was promoted to Deputy Inspector and transferred to One Police Plaza. The new Commanding Officer is Captain John Portalatin.

Susan Seinfeld spoke regarding events hosted by Council Member Barry Grodenchik. Ms. Seinfeld stated that the APEC building will be closed for renovations. The temporary location for APEC will be at Alley Pond Park.

Marie DiLeone spoke regarding various items the Congress Member Meng is working on.

Kevin Kiprovski introduced himself as staff of Council Member Vallone's office.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michael Feiner, Bayside Hills Civic Association, spoke regarding Dermody Park Triangle. He stated that former State Senator Avella had allocated funds to repair the Park. Mr. Feiner stated that State Senator Liu has been working with the Dept. of Parks. He was asking for a groundbreaking date.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Lana Bind	Michael Budabin	Justin Chew	Ocelia Claro
Victor Dadras	Lourdes December	Mary Donahue	Henry Euler
Mario Ferazzoli	Elias Fillas	Jack Fried	Albert Galatan
Joan Garippa	Barbara Gillespie	Roy Giusetti	Michael Golia
Bernard Haber	Christine Haider	Laura James	Mohan Jethwani
Stanley Jin	John Kelly	Linda Lee	Yosef Lee
Robert Liatto	George Mihaltses	Eileen Miller	Douglas Montgomery
Allan Palzer	Akshar Patel	Stephan Pivawer	Stephan Popa
Christina Scherer	Benjamin Turner	Henry Wang	

Board Members Absent:

Sila Asa	Susan Cerezo	Carmen Collado	Paul DiBenedetto
Rosemarie Guidice	Fleur Martino	Janet McEneaney	Wendy Pelle-Beer
Stephen Pivawer	Jyothi Sriram	Alex Yagudaev	

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 4th meeting by Mohan Jethwani. 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

Ms. Miller wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The Board Members received a memo on the Rules of Conduct, as well as guidelines for the New Business segment of our meeting.

The Board expresses its condolences to Susan Cerezo for the passing of her sister.

In December 2019, the Dept. of Transportation conducted site visits for a location at Douglaston Parkway and at Luke Place in Bayside Hills. Various traffic safety measures were discussed. The Dept. of Transportation will notify us with updates.

At the November 2019 Borough Board meeting, the New York State Attorney General Letitia James' representative spoke regarding scams and how to prevent being taken advantage of.

At the December 2019 Borough Board meeting, there was a presentation by the MTA. Our Transportation Committee Chair will give an update.

CB11 and State Senator John Liu conducted an informational meeting on December 4, 2019 with the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding how the LPC functions with applications and communities. Ms. Miller said she requested another meeting and would invite all local civics.

There was a groundbreaking ceremony to commence the addition to Benjamin Cardoza HS.

In December 2019, there was a meeting with Congress Member Meng regarding airplane noise in Queens. The Congress Member will be looking into legislation and other ways to help with noise mitigation.

The Douglaston LDC held their annual Winter Festival which was very well attended.

The Bayside Hills Civic Association held their annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony which was very well attended.

In the interest of being proactive, the Board will be forming an Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss the proposed application for a Zoning Height Authorization for a Senior Care Facility on Douglaston Parkway and 61st Avenue. The Ad-Hoc Committee will include CB11 Douglaston Zoning Chair, CB11 Executive Officers, representatives from Douglaston Townhouse Condominiums, Deepdale and Beech Hills. Call the CB office if you would like to participate.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Henry Euler gave a report on open Board of Standards and Appeals cases. Mr. Euler said the first case: was for an application to enlarge Mizimi Restaurant. Mr. Euler said the application was withdrawn until the applicant was ready to proceed; second case: 202-01 Rocky Hill Road, an application to change the use from a gas station to a service station was granted; third case: 200-05 Horace Harding Expressway, an application for a gas station to add an additional bay and convenience store was postponed by the applicant; the last case: 200-15 Northern Blvd., an auto repair shop was continued until February 11, 2020.

Roy Giusetti asked for an update on the proposed safety changes to the Bike Lanes on Northern Blvd. that has been a topic since 2017. He also asked if an Ad-Hoc Committee could be formed for this issue. Ms. Miller said that a meeting with State Senator John Liu regarding funding will be scheduled. Christine Haider said that while she was Chair, several local, elected officials were in support. However, they must create a way to allocate the funds.

Akshar Patel spoke regarding the impact the Borough of Queens will have with the MTA's redesign of the bus network. Ms. Miller said the Transportation Committee Chair will discuss this.

Albert Galatan stated that there is a problem with unleashed dogs in Alley Pond Park. Ms. Miller said that the Parks Committee should look into this.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BSA Cal. No. 2019-276 BZ – 15 Stuart Lane, Douglaston – an application to the Board of Standards and Appeals seeking a special permit to allow the enlargement and reconfiguration of an existing two-story, single-family home located within the bed of 40th Avenue, an unimproved, mapped street between 240th and 243rd Streets. Douglas Montgomery, Zoning Chair said that

this application is for needed improvements and will decrease the overall footprint of the house by 793 sq. ft. At the Committee meeting, the applicant said they would keep their neighbors updated. The Committee made a motion to approve the application. The vote unanimously passed in favor. The applicant's representative, Neil Weisbard, stated that the house was built in the 1900's and is in need of updating. Discussion ensued as to the house being on a mapped street. Mr. Weisbard stated that the residents on Stuart Lane were notified of the application. A motion was made to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Akshar Patel. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 33 in favor and 0 opposed. The motion carried.

(In-Favor – Budabin, Chew, Claro, Dadras, December, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fillas, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Gillespie, Giusetti, Golia, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Jin, Kelly, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Mihaltses, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Patel, Popa, Scherer, Turner, Wang)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation – Victor Dadras, Committee Chair, reviewed the highlights of the Transportation Committee report of November 27, 2019. Mr. Dadras read the revised proposed resolution for improved rail road service. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Akshar Patel. The motion was seconded by Lourdes December. A question and answer period followed. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 32 in favor and two opposed. The motion carried.

(In-Favor – Bind, Budabin, Chew, Claro, Dadras, December, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fillas, Fried, Galatan, Gillespie, Golia, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Jin, Kelly, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Mihaltses, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Patel, Popa, Scherer, Turner, Wang – **Opposed** – Garippa, Giusetti)

Landmarks - Bernard Haber, Committee Chair, reviewed the report regarding applications for 119 Grosvenor Street and 240-27 Depew Avenue. The Committee passed both applications. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the Committee report. The motion was seconded. A vote by show of hands was taken and passed unanimously.

Public Safety/Public Relations and Licensing – Jack Fried, Committee Chair reviewed two Committee reports. He said that an establishment located at 40-15 Bell Blvd. resubmitted an application due to a technicality regarding an outside, backyard seating area. Mr. Fried said the Committee approved the application with the condition that the outside backyard closes at 10:00 pm daily. Next, Mr. Fried discussed Lavoo Café located at 78-33 Springfield, an application to change the method of operation. The current manager is now the owner. There were several noise complaints that the NYPD responded to; only one was valid. There was also a slashing outside the establishment about two weeks prior to the Committee meeting. Mr. Fried stated that the owner explained to the Committee that security guards are always on premise. The Committee approved the application. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the Committee reports. The motion was seconded. A vote by show of hands was taken and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted 1/9/2020