

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

*October 5, 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:*

Anne Marie Boranian

Representing Queens Borough President Sharon Lee

Dave Fischer

Representing Assembly Member Edward Braunstein

Susan Seinfeld

Representing Council Member Barry Grodenchik

Kevin Kiprovski

Representing Council Member Paul Vallone

Jon Gallo

Representing State Senator John Liu

Isabel Pulgarin

Representing Assembly Member Rozic

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.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Susan Seinfeld, representing Council Member Grodenchik, announced local events that the Council Member is co-sponsoring.

Jon Gallo, representing State Senator Liu, announced local events that the Senator is hosting.

**ROLL CALL**

*Members Present*

Adriana Aviles, Lana Bind, Bravo Lander, Michael Budabin, Ocelia Claro, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, John Kelly, Linda Lee, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Allan Palzer, Aksar Patel, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong

*Members Absent*

Sila Asa, Carin Bail, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Elias Fillas, Barbara Gillespie, Stanley Jin, Jyothi Sriram

## **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting by Mr. Popa. The motion was seconded by Ms. Martino. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 34 in favor and 1 abstention. The minutes were approved as written,

*(In-favor- Aviles, Bind, Bravo, Budabin, Claro, Collado, Dadras, December, Donahue, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Golia, Guidice, Haber, Haider, James, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Martino, Mihaltses, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Patel, Pelle-Beer, Pivawer, Popa, Rastogi, Scherer, Turner, Wong – Abstain – Kelly)*

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

There were five Committee meetings in the month of September; Public Safety and Licensing, Parks, Landmarks, Transportation, and CB11 Budget. At the Parks Committee meeting, there was a presentation that reviewed the proposed Bayside Marina Project. There was also discussion of a Farmer's Market coming to our District. At the Transportation Committee meeting, there was discussion regarding the proposed Bayside Marina Project and upcoming Bike Lane Workshop.

The CB11 Budget Committee discussed the City's budget crisis and how it will impact the Board office. Mr. Budabin stated that currently there is a salary freeze, along with a hiring freeze. Mr. Budabin stated that each quarter the Members will receive a report regarding the Board's budget.

CB11 conducted its first Volunteer Day event. This took place on Francis Lewis Blvd. to clean-up the medians as one of our Public Relations initiatives. It went well and Mr. Budabin thanked Ms. Aviles, Mr. Wong and Mr. Marziliano for participating.

## **BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Montgomery spoke regarding a PPE giveaway in conjunction with State Senator Liu on October 6, 2020. There will also be an electronic recycling event on October 24, 2020 at St. Anastasia. There is a food drive at Zion Church on Fridays which has been helpful in supporting the community.

Ms. Rastogi spoke regarding car break-ins that have been occurring in the past six months. Mr. Budabin asked that the office be informed for a follow-up with the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

Mr. Kelly stated that the Parks and Transportation Committees conducted meetings that discussed the proposed Bayside Marina Project. He said that at the Transportation Committee meeting, they hit a hurdle. When it came time to vote, some Transportation Committee Members were not present at the Parks Committee meeting to review the presentation. He said he has given this a lot of thought and if members were able to view committee meetings, they would have a better idea of what took place at the meeting. Mr. Kelly made a motion that all recordings from CB11 Queens, going forward, should be uploaded to a public sharing platform like YouTube the next business day. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. Discussion ensued that according to the CB11 By-Laws, a motion that will change the Board's procedures cannot be voted on the same night. Mr. Mihaltses said that Article XIV, Section 2. reads; any Board member desiring to have the Board consider a subject shall, at least fifteen days prior to the meeting, notify the Chairman who may place the subject on the agenda. There was discussion regarding the distinction between a Committee vote and a full Board vote. A Committee vote is a vote to bring a topic to the full Board for vote. Mr. Budabin tabled the motion and said that he will speak to Borough Hall's Legal Dept. Mr. Mihaltses said that streaming the meetings is not a By-Laws issue. He suggested

another committee review the subject because this raises several questions. Discussion ensued as to which committee will handle.

Mr. Euler said due to a full agenda, he will email the Board of Standards and Appeals updates.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PARKS** – Paul DiBenedetto, Committee Chair, discussed the proposal of the repair of Joe Michael's Mile. He stated that the Committee members raised concerns for the safety of the cyclists and pedestrians at the entrance and exit of the Marina. Mr. Montgomery asked for the location of the Farmer's Market. It was stated that the Committee members proposed the dead-end circle at the end of Crocheron Park. Mr. Montgomery suggested St. Anastasia parking lot because it is on a main road.

NYC Parks Dept. representative, Aret Arbork, gave a presentation regarding a proposal for repairs and improvements to the Bayside Marina. He stated that the total budget is 7.9 million. The overall goals of the project are to repair the Sandy damage, bring the Marina up to a state of good repair, repave the parking lot and improve safety for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. Mr. Arbork stated that they are looking into the Committee's safety concerns regarding the entrance and exit. The presentation showed that there will be planters added along the border of the greenway. Mr. Montgomery said that all planters should be on the inside, not outside of the Cross-Island Parkway (CIP) barrier. It was clarified that the planters are in the parking lot only. Ms. Haider asked if there will be signs on the CIP to warn drivers of the greenway and Marina. Mr. Arbork stated that signs will be on the pathway only but there is a sign for the Marina entrance on the CIP. It was discussed that a timber guard rail will be in place to stop vehicles from entering the cyclist and pedestrian greenway, a gate will be in place when the boat ramp is in use. Mr. Bravo questioned a change to vehicle parking. The plans currently show 36 parking spaces and two handicapped spaces. Mr. Kelly discussed the hazards of rumble stripes and suggested other ways to slow down cyclists. Discussion ensued as to how unsafe it is to launch a boat from the ramp and it should not even be there. A motion was made to accept the proposal with the raised concerns. The motion was seconded by Douglas Montgomery. A roll call vote was taken resulting 37 in favor and 1 present. The motion carried.

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**Douglaston Zoning** – Douglas Montgomery, Zoning Committee Chair, discussed a drafted letter to be forwarded to the NYC Dept. of City Planning regarding the construction of an assisted living facility on 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This letter addresses the concerns that the area is unsafe to build on, does not fit the community, the stability of the hill that the structure is being built on and parking. Mr. Montgomery said the scope of work has changed twice. A motion was made to approve the drafted letter by Mr. Montgomery. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dadras. Discussion on the motion ensued. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 36 in favor and 2 present. The motion carried.

*(In-favor- Aviles, Bind, Bravo, Budabin, Claro, Collado, Dadras, December, DiBenedetto, Euler, Ferazzoli, Fried, Galatan, Garippa, Golia, Guidice, Haber, Haider, James, Jethwani, Kelly, L. Lee, Y. Lee, Liatto, Mihaltses, Miller, Montgomery, Palzer, Patel, Pelle-Beer, Pivawer, Popa, Rastogi, Scherer, Turner, Wong – Present – Donahue, Martino)*

### **MONTH AHEAD**

Mr. Budabin stated that there will be a By-Laws, joint Transportation and Environmental, Public Relations and Landmarks Committee meetings next month.

Members received their committee assignment sheets. There will not be an Aviation Committee due to lack of interest. Any aviation concerns can be discussed through the Transportation Committee.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Haider. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.