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Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Michael Budabin, **Chair** / Joseph Marziliano, **District Manager**

TO: All Board Members
FROM: Joseph Marziliano, District Manager
DATE: March 23, 2021
RE: FY2023 Capital & Expense Budget Priority Submissions

On Monday, March 22, 2021, a meeting of the CB11 Capital & Expense Budget Committee was held via Zoom teleconference regarding the structure of CB11's submissions to the NYC Office of Management and Budget for the FY2023 Capital and Expense Budget.

Present

Michael Budabin, Board Chair

Christine Haider, 1st Vice Chair and East Flushing Coordinator

Henry Euler, 3rd Vice Chair

Committee Members Eileen Miller, Central/South Bayside Coordinator, Jyothi Sriram,
Douglaston Coordinator, Rosemarie Guidice, Albert Galatan, Christina Scherer, Joan Garippa

CB11 Staff

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager

Jane Bentivenga, Community Coordinator

The meeting commenced with Mr. Budabin reviewing that at the last meeting, it was agreed that further discussion of the consolidation some budget items on the current list would be reviewed tonight. He explained that the current list is very large and some items that are lower on the list, can be consolidated with similar items and end up being placed higher on the list. This will streamline the process and make voting more efficient when submissions need to be made in the Fall. Mrs. Haider agreed this is a good idea but inquired if this approach is okay to take with the affected agencies. Mr. Marziliano said some of our requests were too small to be a capital request on its own but could be made as a request with several locations being identified. He cited curb replacement as an example with the existing highest priority to be listed first.

Mr. Marziliano screen-shared the register of Community Board Requests for CB11 for FY2022. He highlighted requests #2, #3 and #24 which are all curb replacement requests. Respectively, #2 - general request for curb replacement, #3 - median curbs on 42 Avenue between Francis Lewis Blvd. to 213 Street and #24 - Horace Harding Expressway between Utopia Parkway and Underhill Avenue. Mr. Budabin asked whether it is better to generalize the request or specify locations. Mr. Marziliano replied that he has been told more specificity is better; however, a request for citywide curb replacement is needed. Mr. Budabin asked Mr. Marziliano to provide a draft of the proposed consolidations to be presented at the next meeting of the Capital and Expense Budget Committee. Mrs. Garippa added that requests were put together under the same

category in the past. Mr. Euler remarked that the lower priority items being moved up via consolidation have a better chance of getting done.

Mr. Marziliano then reviewed the requests for acquisition of lots by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR); numbers 4, 5 and 12. Again, respectively #4 is to acquire the remaining lots in Udall's Cove to preserve the wetlands from development, #5 is basically the same specifying a certain block number and related lots and #12 is to acquire lots to preserve vacant land from development south of the LIRR station in Douglaston. Mrs. Garippa said DPR always requested this separation so they would have the ability to acquire lots as their funds allowed. Mr. Euler asked if they were consolidated, could a priority be given to each of group of lots. Mrs. Guidice suggested using a, b or c. Mr. Marziliano said they could be listed in descending order. Mr. Budabin said DPR should be contacted regarding their preference. Mr. Marziliano will contact DPR. Mrs. Haider asked if the lots listed in Udall's Cove represent all the lots left to be acquired. Mr. Euler suggested asking Walter Mugdan, President, Udall's Cove Preservation Committee, if these are all the lots left to be acquired by the City. Mr. Marziliano will contact Mr. Mugdan as well.

Mr. Marziliano introduced item #8 and #27 which are street reconstruction in Douglas Manor and 244 Street between 43 and 44 Avenues. This is needed because they do not have a concrete base (it is cobblestone) which causes the continuing deterioration of any repaving that has been done. All agreed these should be merged. Ms. Sriram asked if streets in the Doug-Bay area could be added to this consolidation when we submit again in the Fall.

Mr. Euler inquired about a sewer system for the Douglas Manor area. Mr. Marziliano said that would have to be an entirely separate request with the City compelling these owners to hook up to the City sewer system. It is extremely costly, and the City has not pursued this yet. Mr. Euler stated that other homeowners have had to hook up to the City sewer system. Some of the waste in these septic tanks has seeped into Little Neck Bay. He feels this needs to be addressed. Mr. Marziliano said NYS Department of Conservation has given NYC five to seven years to mitigate this problem. A chlorination project is in the process of being done. Mr. Euler added that chlorination also has its issues on plant and animal life.

Next, Mr. Marziliano spoke about items #13 and #25 which could be consolidated: improve and repair various Greenstreets and malls and improve the malls on 46 Avenue between 193 and 195 Streets and 188 Street between 47 and 48 Avenues. Mrs. Haider and Mrs. Miller agreed they should be consolidated.

Items #17 and #23 were discussed next; #17 is lack of handicap accessibility at the Douglaston LIRR Station and #23 is a request for repair or reconstruction of the southside staircase, also at the Douglaston LIRR Station, stretching from 235 Street to Poplar Street and the need for a proper banister.

Mr. Marziliano briefly addressed the issue with a mix-up caused by the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) data program. Many of the "supported by" data is incorrect. OMB is working on debugging this issue. When the next submission is prepared in the Fall, these will be addressed.

The next items discussed for consolidation were #19 and #26; respectively, Horace Harding Expressway and 254 Street and Union Turnpike and Springfield Blvd. Both requests are for surveillance cameras to deter crime and after-school fights.

Mr. Marziliano stated there are multiple storm sewer/drain requests. Items #20, #21, #22, #28, #29 and #30 all address this issue; #20 specifies 194 Street and 46 Avenue, #21 is for West Drive between Park Lane to Bayview Avenue, #22 addresses Richmond Road at Shore Road, #28 covers 223 Street between 37 and 41 Avenues, #29 states Marathon Parkway between Commonwealth and 64 Avenues and #30 seeks to replace non-functioning seepage basins to relieve flooding north of Union Turnpike. None of these requests on their own would constitute a capital project. These types of projects are put together by the NYC Dept. of Design and Construction (DDC) and often encompass multiple locations and zip codes.

Mr. Marziliano summarized by saying that 20 of the requests could be consolidated. Mr. Budabin said the list will be streamlined and a draft will be available for the next meeting so that further thought could be made about the existing items i.e.: what the chance is of getting an item funded, how long an item has been on the list etc. Mr. Budabin reviewed dates for a follow-up meeting. It was decided the Committee would meet again on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. A meeting notice and Zoom information will be forwarded to all.

Respectfully submitted 3/24/21