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## Queens Community Board 11

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

**Michael Budabin** Chairperson / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

To: All Board Members

From: Victor Dadras, Committee Chair

Date: May 12, 2022

Re: Various Requests

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On Wednesday, May 11, 2022, the CB11 Transportation Committee met via Zoom teleconference to discuss several requests that were submitted to the CB11 Office.

### **Committee Members**

Michael Budabin, Chair

Victor Dadras, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and Committee Chair

Christine Haider, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Henry Euler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair

Joan Garippa

Benjamin Turner

Jena Lanzetta

Chris Scherer

Mary Donahue

John Kelly

Paul DiBenedetto

Rob Liatto

Seena Sweet

### **CB11 Staff**

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager

Jane Bentivenga, Community Coordinator

Christina Coutinho, Community Associate

### **Guests**

Dr. Janine Werner, WJPS

Evelyn Mallo, Councilwoman Paladino's Office

Mr. Dadras began the meeting by speaking about the Committee's interest in safety of streets and schools alike. He introduced Dr. Janine Werner, Principal, World Journalism Preparatory School (WJPS) located at 34-65 192 Street which shares the building with I.S. 25. There is also a D75 program housed in this building. There are approximately 1,600 people in this building daily. Dr. Werner shared photos of the area surrounding the school and spoke about the need for a one-way operation to be implemented around the school for the safety of schoolchildren, pedestrians and motorists. A letter was written to the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) several years ago. She will forward a copy of the letter to CB11.

Mr. Dadras then introduced the first item on the agenda:

**Long Island Expressway between Springfield and Cloverdale Blvds. – sound barrier request**

CB11 member, Rob Liatto, submitted a request to have sound barriers installed on the westbound and eastbound Long Island Expressway (LIE) between Springfield Blvd. and Cloverdale Blvd. He stated that the LIE is at the same grade as the homes and side streets in this area. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of sound barriers. Mr. Liatto made a motion for the continuation of sound barriers along the eastbound and westbound Long Island Expressway between Springfield Blvd. and Cloverdale Blvd. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued including sound barriers not eliminating all traffic noise, barriers not being effective unless they are “linked” with other installations, people did not want them years ago and the previous request for additional installation westbound to Utopia Parkway. Mr. Marziliano stated that the request for extension west to Utopia Parkway was added to CB11's Capital and Expense Requests. This request will be added to the next Transportation Committee for a vote for a written request to be sent to NYS DOT. A voice vote was taken resulting in all in favor. The motion passed.

**206 Street between 48 Avenue and Northern Blvd. – street co-naming request for Rev. Dr. Samuel Joubert Sr.**

Mr. Marziliano screen-shared the request and read it into the record for those who were in the meeting via telephone. Discussion followed regarding CB11's criteria for street co-namings. Mr. Budabin believes that CB11 discussed the requirement for additional support from a community-based organization other than the person or organization submitting the request as a matter of consistency. It could come from the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council. Ms. Scherer stated that there is currently no civic association in this area. Mr. Kelly feels that street co-namings should be reserved for those who benefitted the community at large. Ms. Sweet agreed support from the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct would be a good option for additional support. Mrs. Haider feels CB11 should wait for another letter before taking a position regarding this request. Mr. Budabin feels that some type of third-party confirmation would be appropriate in all these instances. Mr. Kelly agrees. Mr. Turner suggested that street co-naming requests not be reviewed by the Transportation Committee. Mrs. Haider stated that since street names and street sign installation and maintenance fall under the purview of NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT), this is the appropriate committee. Ms. Scherer made a motion to provisionally recommend this street co-naming (pending additional letter of support) to DOT. Mrs. Haider seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 11 in favor and one opposed. The motion passed.

**One-Way proposal northbound 192 Street between 35 and 33 Avenues**

Mr. Dadras referred to the statements made by Dr. Werner earlier in the meeting. CB11 Board Member and Northwest Bayside Civic Association President, Jena Lanzetta, spoke in support of this request.

Ms. Lanzetta made a motion to request a feasibility study for a northbound one-way conversion between 35 and 33 Avenues. Mr. Budabin seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken resulting in all in favor. The motion passed.

**East Hampton Blvd. at eastbound Horace Harding Expressway**

A request for the “Keep Intersection Clear” sign to be lowered and relocated under the one-way sign on East Hampton Blvd. north of eastbound Horace Harding Expressway so it is more visible to motorists. Mr. Euler made a motion to request that DOT reposition this “Keep Intersection Clear” sign. Mrs. Haider seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken resulting in all in favor. The motion passed.

**38 Avenue between Bell Blvd. and Corporal Stone Street**

A request to remove the press parking spots on the north side of 38 Avenue that were designated for employees of the Queens Courier which was formerly located on Bell Blvd. The newspaper’s offices no longer occupy space at this location. Removing these signs will add additional parking to a very congested area. Ms. Scherer stated that metered parking will be installed. Mr. Kelly made a motion to request the removal of these press parking spots. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly raised the issue of loading zones on Bell Blvd. and suggested checking with the Bayside BID about this. Mr. DiBenedetto stated this is not as busy an area of Bell Blvd. than further south. Mr. Dadras stated he will get in touch with Christine Silletti from the Bayside BID. A voice vote was taken resulting in all in favor. The motion passed.

**All-Way Stop request at the intersection of 192 Street and Station Road**

This area is in very close proximity to the LIRR Auburndale station and is heavily trafficked. Mr. Euler stated that this intersection is very dangerous and congested. The streets in this area are also very narrow. Ms. Lanzetta agreed with Mr. Euler’s comments. Mr. Euler made a motion to recommend this All-Way Stop. Mr. Liatto seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken resulting in all in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Dadras announced that there will be a Transportation Committee meeting the second week of June which will include a presentation from DOT regarding the bicycle lane proposal revisions among several other issues.

Mrs. Donahue inquired if there was an update regarding the request for stop signs in the vicinity of St. Kevin’s Academy on 46 Avenue. Mr. Marziliano stated we have not yet received an update. Mr. Dadras suggested Mrs. Donahue contact her councilperson as well.

Mr. Liatto inquired about an update regarding his request for repair of two streetlights that have been out for a long time. Mr. Marziliano explained the procedure that occurs between DOT and Con Ed depending on what is causing the outage. He stated the repair should be completed soon.

Mr. Euler asked about the request for one-way streets in the Auburndale area, from Northern Blvd. to the LIRR and between Utopia Parkway and Francis Lewis Blvd. Mr. Marziliano said we have not yet received a reply and stated that DOT has an approximate 15 months backlog.

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Mr. Turner announced that the Bayside Family Bike Ride will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 10 a.m. It will start at Underhill and 58 Avenue, travelling to Alley Pond Park via the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway. It is approximately seven miles. All are welcome to join.

Mr. DiBenedetto stated he needs to schedule a Parks Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted 5-12-22*