Attendance of Community Board 11’s General Meeting

Held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at

Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare,

1740 84th Street

Present: Bart Allegretti, Ross Brady, Matt Bromme, Maria Campanella, Al Campanelli, Rosa Casella, Msgr. David Cassato, Louis Crispiano, Sal D’Alessio, Eric DiNapoli, Paul DiSpirito, Charles Farrauto, Shirley Fineman, John Garvey, Yonah Glatzer, Anthony Grigos, William Guarinello, Eileen LaRuffa, Man Wai Lau, Dr. Tim Law, Vito Marinelli, Albert Milone, Nicholas Miraglia, Raymond Mollica, Vincent Nativo, James Orlando, Barbara Parisi, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Antonio Troia, Sonia Valentin, Laurie Windsor, Victor Wong

Excused: Rocco Buonpane, Steve Chung, Mafalda DiMango, Antonio Troia

Absent: Gerald Bertuna, Dr. Joseph Caruana, Jerry Chiapetta, Vincent Chirico, Don Clark, Claudio DeMeo, Marc D’Ottavio, Yoketing Eng, Ligia Guallapa, Vito Marangelli, Michael Marks, Stanley Roher, Robert Yee

Guests: Joe Torre, Heena Ahmed, Umar Usman, Michael Jibistreich, Al Fazio – Assemblyman Abbate, Katherine Khatari – DA Thompson, Mary Placanica – Assemblyman Colton, Lisa Garvey, Michael Bove – NIA, Olga Fiore – Senator Savino, Alexandra Larkin – Councilman Greenfield, Jeannine Cherichetti – Councilman Treyger, Dylan Landi – Boy Scout Troop 337, Mario Buritica – Boy Scout Troop 337, Ryan Breriton – Boy Scout Troop 337, Matthew Casanova Boy Scout Troop 337, Juliette Landi – Cubmaster Pack 337 @ Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tizrana Buritica – Scoutmaster Troop 337

Minutes of Community Board 11’s General Meeting

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The general meeting of Community Board 11 opened with Boy Scout Troop 337 and Louis Crispiano having the honor of the pledge.

Public Portion

Representatives from Reaching Out Community Services spoke regarding the services the food pantry provides to 5200 families, and announced the date of their Spring Gala.

Michael Jibistreich, representing Councilman Gentile, was pleased to announce that the cuts in fines and fees for small businesses that the Councilman has advocated for is included in the Mayor’s Executive budget.

He further advised that the emergency repairs on Bath Avenue will be completed shortly. The Councilman thanked the District Manager and the Board for their work on the issue.

Mr. Jibristreich announced that Councilman Gentile last year appropriated $400,000 for the resurfacing of 86th Street from 14th to 18th Avenues. The Department of Transportation has advised that they will be resurfacing 86th Street all the way to Stillwell Avenue.

Additionally, the Bensonhurst Greenmarket will be opening on June 8th, from 9AM-4PM, in Milestone Park.

Maya Kremen, representing Congressman Nadler, advised that the House Judiciary Committee approved a bipartisan bill that ends the collection of bulk data.

She further advised that the Army Corps of Engineers will be moving forward with critical repairs and emergency beach restoration in Coney Island.

Mary Placanica, representing Assemblyman William Colton, advised that a rally will be held on June 1st, at 1PM on Bay Parkway and the water’s edge to oppose the Southwest Brooklyn Marine Transfer Station.

She further advised that the Assemblyman has an ongoing food drive. Anyone interested can bring non-perishable food to the District Office located at 155 Kings Highway.

Jeannine Cherichetti, representing Councilman Treyger, advised that the District Office located at 2015 Stillwell Avenue is scheduled to open next week.

Olga Fiore, representing Senator Diane Savino, advised that their District Office is located at 2872 West 12th Street. Literature is available with the Senator’s contact information and office hours. She further advised that Coney Island is open for the summer season and urged everyone to visit.

Sonia Valentin, representing Friends of New Utrecht Public Library, announced that there will be a Flea Market on May 17th, to raise funds for library programs. Event literature is available.

The Chairman inquired if anyone else sought recognition. Hearing none, a motion was made by Bart Allegretti to close the public portion of the meeting. Seconded by Matthew Bromme. Unanimously adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Man Wai Lau to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Sonia Valentin. Unanimously adopted.

Chairman’s Report

Mr. Guarinello advised that Community Board 11 received a second formal notification on April 7th, from Modest Community Services, of their intent an interest to establish an Individual Residential Alternative at 2327 82nd Street, which has outstanding Buildings Department violations.

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Man Wai Lau to oppose the siting of an IRA at 2327 82nd Street based upon the outstanding violations issued by the Department of Buildings. Seconded by Matthew Bromme. Unanimously adopted.

The Chairman advised that next month’s meeting will be held on June 12th, and new photo identification cards will be issued.

Nominating Committee Report

Vincent Nativo, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for the 2014-2015 term: William Guarinello-Chairman, Laurie Windsor – 1st Vice Chair, Shirley Fineman – 2nd Vice Chair, Man Wai Lau- Secretary, Nicholas Miraglia – Treasurer

District Manager’s Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia reported that the Bath Avenue emergency sewer reconstruction project is on schedule. The by-pass system has been removed, the work area was reduced and the job should be completed shortly.

She further advised that the Department of Transportation has advised that they approved a city Bench on 84th Street between 18th and 19th Avenues. The District Manager voiced her concern over the location and requested it be located on the 18th Avenue side of the property.

The District Manager discussed the availability of 311 data through NYC Open Data. She advised that this data will be used and incorporated into the FY16 capital and Expense priorities.

She further advised that a request was received from the community based organization, Congrega di Maria SS. Addolorata di Mola di Bari, requesting a memorial be placed in Milestone Park in memory of Albert Ingravallo.

A motion was made by Eileen LaRuffa to support the installation of a memorial in Milestone Park in memory of Albert Ingravallo. Seconded by Laurie Windsor. Unanimously adopted.

A motion was made by Matt Bromme to adjourn. Seconded by Bart Allegretti. Unanimously adopted.