Attendance of Community Board 11’s General Meeting

Held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the

Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare

Present: Bart Allegretti, Ross Brady, Matthew Bromme, Albert Campanelli, Rosa Casella, Msgr. David Cassato, Vincent Chirico, Jing Wing Chiu, Ruben Colon, Sal D’Alessio, Mafalda DiMango, Paul DiSpirito, Marc D’Ottavio, Charles Farrauto, Shirley Fineman, John Garvey, Yonah Glatzer, Anthony Grigos, William R. Guarinello, Eileen LaRuffa, Mai Wai Lau, Dr. Tim Law, Albert Milone, Nicholas Miraglia, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Antonio Troia, Sonia Valentin, Robert Whittaker, Andrew Windsor, Sai Chuen Yeung, Nicholas Zimmitti

Absent: Thomas Andros, Sofia Annunziata, Karina Cardozo, Warren Chan, Wai Cheung, Steve Chung, Linda Dalton, Claudio DeMeo, Ligia Guallpa, Caleb Pan, Salvatore Rao, Barry Sanchez, Nayeem Siddique,

Excused: Rocco Buonpane, Priscilla Consolo, Eric DiNapoli, James Orlando, Laurie Windsor

Guests: Sonia Pryce – Congressman Dan Donovan, Colleen Poklenba, Jeannine Cherichetti – Councilman Treyger, Dr. Anthony DiMango, Al Fazio – Assemblyman Abbate

Minutes of Community Board 11’s General Meeting

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The general meeting of Community Board 11 was opened with Dr. Anthony DiMango having the honor of the pledge.

Public Portion

The Chairman inquired if anyone from the public sought recognition. Hearing none, a motion was made by Man Wai Lau to close the public portion of the meeting. Seconded by Antonio Troia. Unanimously adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Matthew Bromme to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Man Wai Lau. Unanimously adopted.

Chairman’s Report

Mr. Guarinello spoke regarding scams and reminded residents to be vigilant and to never give out personal or banking information. Some of the scammers pose as the IRS, Immigration, USPS and utility companies.

The Chairman gave an update on the previously announced multi-cultural alliance consisting of a diverse group of community leaders whose goals are to strengthen bonds through an environment that promotes the values and cultures that respects and celebrates the diversity, traditions and heritages of our community. The first meeting was held and well attended.

Mr. Guarinello announced that the next general meeting of Community Board 11 will be held on Tuesday, April 12th.

District Manager’s Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia reported that the Department of Transportation will be implementing the 18th Avenue Safety Improvement Project following resurfacing, which is tentatively scheduled to begin on May 2nd. They further advised that they will be adding left turn bays, with no loss or change to parking, at Bay Ridge Parkway and 65th Street.

The District Manager advised that the Vision Zero Workshop: Talking Street Safety with the Department of Transportation will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 10 AM, at St Finbar, located at 138 Bay 20th Street.

She further advised that she met with Department of Buildings Commissioner Chandler, who discussed the implementation of Local Law 10 that requires the agency to submit all new building, demolition and alteration applications to the community boards and councilmembers on a weekly basis. Additionally, they are hiring additional inspectors and expanding their legal team.

In closing, the District Manager advised that the Department of Youth and Community Development has opened the application period for the Ladders for Leaders Program. Information can be found at www.nyc.gov/dycd

New Business

Robert Whittaker spoke regarding the recent pedestrian crash on 85th Street and 25th Avenue and inquired if there was a reason in what appears to be an increase in these types of crashes. He further addressed safety issues at the intersection of 86th Street and Stillwell Avenue.

There was discussion regarding enforcement and the District Manager advised that the traffic data indicates an increase in enforcement.

A motion was made by Mafalda DiMango to adjourn. Seconded by Sonia Valentin. Unanimously adopted.