Attendance of Community Board 11’s General Meeting

Held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at

The Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare,

1740 84th Street

Present: Bart Allegretti, Ross Brady, Matthew Bromme, Al Campanelli, Msgr. David Cassato, Vincent Chirico, Ruben Colon, Priscilla Consolo, Sal D’Alessio, Linda Dalton, Eric DiNapoli, Charles Farrauto, Shirley Fineman, John Garvey, Yonah Glatzer, Anthony Grigos, William Guarinello, Eileen LaRuffa, Man Wai Lau, Dr. Tim Law, Al Milone, Nicholas Miraglia, Caleb Pan, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Robert Whittaker, Laurie Windsor, Sai Chuen Yeung, Nicholas Zimmitti

Absent: Thomas Andros, Sofia Annunziata, Karina Cardozo, Warren Chan, Wai Cheung, Claudio DeMeo, Ligia Guallapa, James Orlando, Barry Sanchez, Nayeem Siddique, Robert Yee

Excused: Rocco Buonpane, Rosa Casella, Jin Wing Chiu, Steve Chung, Mafalda DiMango, Paul DiSpirito, Marc D’Ottavio, Sonia Valentin, Andrew Windsor

Guests: William Vitale, Jill Epstein, Sonia Pryce – Rep. Donovan, Lisa Garvey, Al Fazio – Assemblyman Abbate, Jeffrey Krause – Senator Golden, Faye Levine, Cindy Sansheko, Carlos Marin, Michael Marquez – Bensonhurst Volunteer Ambulance, Jenny Fischman – Public Advocate James, Angelina Dahab – Councilman Gentile, Jeannine Cherichetti – Councilman Treyger, Suzanne Nappo, David – Rep. Nadler

Minutes of Community Board 11’s General Meeting

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The general meeting of Community Board 11 was opened with the representative from New Utrecht Library having the honor of the pledge.

Public Portion

The representative from New Utrecht Library announced that starting Saturday, June 18th, the library will close while they replace shelving and furniture. The library is expected to reopen on Monday, July 11th. Informational flyers and a calendar of events are available.

David, representing Congressman Nadler, advised that the House recently passed the Email Privacy Act, which requires the government to obtain a warrant in order to access peoples’ electronic communications from a third-party provider. The House also passed the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016, which will create a federal civil cause of action for misappropriation of trade secrets. The Congressman rallied in support of the Fair Play, Fair Pay Act, which would require radio services to fairly compensate artists for their music.

Trip Yang, representing District Attorney Thompson, announced the creation of a Young Adult Bureau that will operate in the newly-formed Brooklyn Young Adult Court, which will handle all misdemeanor cases of defendants between the ages 16 and 24. He further announced the Begin Again Event, which gives Brooklyn residents an opportunity to deal with summonses for low-level offenses, will be held on June 11th. Informational literature is available.

Jenny Fischman, representing Public Advocate James, advised of the role of the Public Advocate and spoke about the work she is doing. Newsletter is available for those interested.

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

Minutes

A motion was made by John Garvey to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Man Wai Lau. Unanimously adopted.

Chairman’s Report

Mr. Guarinello advised that Community Board 11 has received a special permit application for 1462 62nd Street, for the legalization of the existing Yeshiva at the 3rd floor and the use of the entire structure as a yeshiva, which the board recently held a public hearing on for a variance. The application is in the same spirit as the variance, and the application is a procedural change required by the Board of Standards and Appeals.

The Chairman requested that the Planning and Zoning Committee review to determine if a public hearing is necessary.

Mr. Guarinello advised that next month’s meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9th.

The Chairman reminded board members whose term is expiring that they serve until letters from the Borough President are received.

Nominating Committee

Bart Allegretti, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for the 2016-2017 term: William Guarinello-Chairman, Laurie Windsor – 1st Vice Chair, Shirley Fineman – 2nd Vice Chair, Man Wai Lau- Secretary, Nicholas Miraglia – Treasurer.

Assemblyman Abbate

The Assemblyman spoke about two issues of concern: prescription/opioid abuse and the New York City Council approving a $.05 fee on plastic bags. The Assemblyman stated that there were other environmental avenues to explore besides fees and he would be exploring legislation.

District Manager’s Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia announced that the Fire Department will be holding an Open House on May 14th, and the public is invited to visit the local fire house. There will be tours, demonstrations, fire and safety tips and the opportunity to explore FDNY careers. Participating firehouses in our neighborhood are: E243/L168 at 8653 18th Avenue from 1PM-3PM, E253 at 2429 86th Street from 11AM -1PM, and E330/L172 at 2312 65th St from 11AM – 1PM. Flyers are available.

She further reported that the Department of Environmental Protection has advised that their emergency contractor has begun sewer-lining work on Bay 40th Street between Benson Ave & 86 St.

The Department of Transportation has advised that engineering resurfacing by DDC contractor is scheduled to start on May 9, 2016, on Bay Parkway from 72nd Street to 61st Street within CB 11. DOT will be surveying the segment from 81 Street to 72 Street for inclusion in a future contract.

The District Manager advised that she attended the public scoping meeting of Lt. Joseph Petrosino Park. She thanked Councilman Gentile for making sure that Community Board 11 was included in the community parks initiative. She additionally thanked the Chairperson of the Parks Committee, Eileen LaRuffa and the Parks Committee for participating in the workshop. The meeting was well attended and received input from a wide segment of the community.

Ms. Elias-Pavia reported that on April 20, the Department of Environmental Protection held a public meeting on the Coney Island Creek Long Term Control Plan. She attended that meeting and spoke of the importance of addressing the removal of green space to create illegal front yard parking.

A motion was made by Laurie Windsor to adjourn. Seconded by Eileen LaRuffa. Unanimously adopted.