Attendance of Community Board 11’s General Meeting

Held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at

The Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare

Present: Bart Allegretti, Ross Brady, Mathew Bromme, Albert Campanelli, Rosa Casella, Msgr. David Cassato, Vincent Chirico, Jin Wing Chiu, Irene Chu, Ruben Colon, Sal D’Alessio, Linda Dalton, Charles Farrauto, Shirley Fineman, John Garvey, William R. Guarinello, Eileen LaRuffa, Man Wai Lau, Dr. Tim Law, Albert Milone, Nicholas Miraglia, Caleb Pan, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Antonio Troia, Sonia Valentin, Laurie Windsor, Sai Chuen Yeung

Excused: Priscilla Consolo, Claudio DeMeo, Mafalda DiMango, Paul DiSpirito, Anthony Grigos, Andrew Windsor, Robert Yee, Nicholas Zimmitti

Absent: Thomas Andros, Sofia Annunziata, Rocco Buonpane, Karina Cardozo, Warren Chan, Wai Cheung, Steve Chung, Eric DiNapoli, Yonah Glatzer, Ligia Guallpa, James Orlando, Salvatore Rao, Barry Sanchez, Nayeem Siddique, Robert Whittaker

Guests: Cristina Lombardo – Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Becky Stern – Council Member Greenfield, Al Fazio – Assembly Member Peter Abbate, William Vitale, Fanny Lee, Captain Sanseverino, Det. Stephen Agosta, P.O. John Ciarcia

Minutes of Community Board 11’s General Meeting

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The meeting was opened with Detective Stephen Agosta, of the 62nd Precinct, having the honor of the pledge.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Guarinello requested a moment of silence in memory of Sgt. Paul Tuozzolo, a 19-year veteran assigned to the 43rd Precinct, who was killed in the line of duty.

Public Portion

William Vitale, representing the Community Emergency Response Team 10 and 11, announced that the Office of Emergency Management recently recognized the team for Excellence in Deployment and Emergency Response. He further advised that they are available to speak about emergency preparedness.

Lynn Rutledge, representing Impacct Brooklyn, advised that they are working with both the Governor and Mayor’s office and the Center for New York City Neighborhoods to introduce and implement FloodHelp NY. She urged residents to visit [www.floodhelpny.org](http://www.floodhelpny.org) to determine their flood risk and find information on how to lower their risk.

Christina Lombardo, representing the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, invited all that are interested to attend the Brooklyn Newsmaker event with NYPD Commissioner, James P. O'Neill, on Tuesday, December 6th, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., at NYU Tandon School of Engineering.

A liaison from Congressman Nadler’s office reminded residents to vote on Election Day and advised that caseworkers are available to assist constituents with federal issues.

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 Sonia Valentin. Unanimously adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Matthew Bromme to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Laurie Windsor. Unanimously adopted.

Elected Officials

Assemblyman Peter Abbate addressed the board and advised that while the Assembly is on recess he has had the opportunity to work on the needs of the district. He thanked the community for their continued support and urged residents to vote on Election Day.

Councilman Vincent Gentile advised that the Council held a hearing on the aggravated illegal conversion bill that he introduced. He stated that this legislation addresses the profiteering of property owners who illegally subdivide properties. The penalties imposed for a building with three or more illegally subdivided units are $15,000 per unit.

The Councilman discussed the dangers that these illegally converted units pose to our community and additional components of the legislation. There was brief discussion regarding the legislation.

62nd Precinct

Captain Sanseverino, the Commanding Officer of the 62nd Precinct, spoke regarding the precinct’s email program. He advised that the precinct would be doing extensive outreach to enroll the business community.

Chairman’s Report

Mr. Guarinello advised that next month’s meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8th.

The Chairman advised that the Chinese American Social Service Center held an educational meeting to discuss community concerns regarding bottle collectors. Literature was translated into Chinese, which included safety tips and recommendations for bottle collectors. If anyone is interested, literature is available at the Community Board office.

Mr. Guarinello recognized Dr. Law for his efforts in addressing this issue.

The Chairman advised that the District Manager would be meeting with NYU Langone to follow-up on the presentation made at last month’s meeting. If anyone has additional comments or concerns, they should contact the district office.

District Manager’s Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia advised that she attended a meeting at Congressman Donovan’s office with representatives of USPS. She advised that there are issues with postal trucks parking overnight on residential streets around Bath Beach Post Office.

It appears that this new issue is the result of a 50% increase of package volume and 7 day per week operations. Brooklyn is second in the nation in package delivery and growth. While they are working on a long-term plan to store their delivery vehicles, they are addressing the local concerns.

The District Manager advised that there would be no garbage, recycling or street cleaning on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th. The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that there would be regular collection on Veterans Day, November 11th, as the day falls on a week with two holidays.

She further announced that the Department would be making special autumn leaf collections. Residents were advised to place their leaves in paper lawn and leaf bags, which are available this evening, or in open unlined containers. Set out dates are November 12th and 26th after 4 PM.

On Monday, November 14th, Councilman Treyger and Assemblyman Colton will be hosting a Drug and Substance Abuse workshop, from 6PM-8PM, at Most Precious Blood Youth Center, 2739 Harway Avenue.

New Business

Sonia Valentin advised that the New Utrecht Library has re-opened following renovations.

She further thanked the Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare for hosting the Emergency Preparedness Workshop.

In closing, Ms. Valentin advised that while the 62nd Precinct did not win the Pinkest Precinct contest they hope that their efforts raised awareness for breast cancer.

The District Manager stated that she was happy to see that the efforts of the Gravesend Bensonhurst NY Rising committee resulted in the FloodHelpNY outreach.

A motion was made by Laurie Windsor to adjourn. Seconded by Linda Dalton.