

Attendance of Community Board 11's General Meeting
Held on Thursday, May 13, 2015 at
Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare,
1740 84th Street

Present: Matt Bromme, Rocco Buonpane, Rosa Casella, Msgr. David Cassato, Warren Chan, Vincent Chirico, Jin Wing Chiu, Sal D'Alessio, Claudio DeMeo, Eric DiNapoli, Marc D'Ottavio, Paul DiSpirito, Shirley Fineman, Yonah Glatzer, Anthony Grigos, Ligia Guallapa, William R. Guarinello, Eileen LaRuffa, Man Wai Lau, Dr. Tim Law, Dr. Raymond Mollica, James Orlando, Caleb Pan, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Salvatore Rao, Antonio Troia, Laurie Windsor, Robert Yee, Sai Chuen Yeung, Nicholas Zimmitti

Absent: Thomas Andros, Gerald Bertuna, Wai Cheung, Steve Chung, Donald Clark, Yonah Glatzer

Excused: Bart Allegretti, Albert Campanelli, Louis Crispiano, Priscilla Consolo, Mafalda DiMango, Charles Farrauto, John Garvey, Albert Milone, Nicholas Miraglia, Sonia Valentin

Guests: James Gilhooly, Franca Bove, Alex Larkin – Councilman Greenfield, John Lombardo, Steve Zeltser – Brooklyn Borough President, Mary Placanica – Assemblyman Colton, Ross Brady

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The meeting opened with Captain Chen, the Executive Officer of the 62nd Precinct having the honor of the pledge.

Public Portion

Steve Zeltser, representing Borough President Adams, announced upcoming events hosted by the Borough President. Literature is available for distribution including Borough President Adams' message of the month.

Mary Placanica, representing Assemblyman Colton, advised that it was timely with Memorial Day approaching to distribute information relating to the proper handling and use of the American Flag.

She further announced that with prom season upon us, Assemblyman Colton is urging parents and children to sign the Arrive Alive pledge, the no drinking and driving prom promise.

Additionally, the Assemblyman is hosting an AARP Defensive Driving course on May 17, 2015. Literature is available.

In closing, she advised that Assemblyman Colton urges residents to sign a petition which calls upon the City to halt construction of the Southwest Marine Transfer Station. He has additionally created a Neighborhood Watch to document environmental and other issues related to the construction of the Marine Transfer Station. The public can report concerns to neighborhoodwatch47@gmail.com

The Chairman inquired if anyone else 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 Matt Bromme. Unanimously adopted.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Guarinello requested a moment of silence for New York City Police Department Detective Brian Moore, who was killed in the line of duty.

Minutes

A motion was made by Man Wai Lau to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Laurie Windsor. Unanimously adopted.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Guarinello advised that Community Board 11 has been notified that an application for a 421-a partial tax exemption has been filed for 8629 Bay Parkway, the former Lemberger nursing home. The project consists of 38 residential condominium units and 18 parking spaces.

A motion was made by Matt Bromme to oppose the 421-a tax exemption. Seconded by Dr. Raymond Mollica. Unanimously adopted.

The Chairman advised that next month's meeting will be held on June 11th, and at that time the Office of Emergency Management will be making a presentation on hurricane zones and evacuations. They will additionally provide information on how to prepare for an emergency and details for residents on how to determine what evacuation zone they live and work in.

Mr. Guarinello announced that the 62nd and 68th Precincts will be holding a joint Precinct Council meeting on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30 PM, at the Knights of Columbus, 1305 86th Street. The guest speaker will be District Attorney Thompson.

Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Guarinello advised that the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 term: William Guarinello, Chairman, Laurie Windsor – 1st Vice Chair, Shirely Fineman – 2nd Vice Chair, Man Wai Lau – Secretary, Nicholas Miraglia – Treasurer.

District Manager's Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia advised that she attended an 18th Avenue Merchant's meeting regarding the 18th Avenue Weekend Walk Market Place. The walk will take place on Sunday, July 19th from 1PM – 6PM, on 18th Avenue between 62nd and 75th Streets, and on Saturday, July 25th from 1PM- 6PM, on 18th Avenue between 75th and 85th Streets.

She further advised that she attended a meeting with Bay Parkway merchants, community residents and Captain Taylor regarding business owners who were being harassed by youths. They were very pleased to hear from Captain Taylor that arrests have been made.

The District Manager reported that the Department of Consumer Affairs has requested a resolution on a proposed newsstand application for the Southeast corner of 86th Street and Bay Parkway. She discussed that the business at 8603 Bay Parkway uses his property from the building line to the property line for a café, which is not shown on the plans.

A motion was made by Eileen LaRuffa to oppose the siting of a newsstand on the Southeast corner of 86th Street and Bay Parkway, as presented. Seconded by Laurie Windsor. Unanimously adopted.

The District Manager thanked the 62nd Precinct Community Council for donating flowers that were planted on 18th Avenue within the new tree pits. She additionally thanked Police Officer Pierre and the 62nd Precinct Explorers for volunteering.

In closing, she advised that emergency sewer reconstruction work is taking place on 15th Avenue between 86th Street and Benson Avenue, due to deformities found during the water main replacement project.

A motion was made by Claudio DeMeo to adjourn. Seconded by Robert Yee. Unanimously adopted.

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