

Attendance of Community Board 11's General Meeting and Public Hearing
Held on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at
The Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare

Present: Bart Allegretti, Ross Brady, Matthew Bromme, Albert Campanelli, Msgr., David Cassato, Lawrence Ciulla, Ruben Colon, Salvatore D'Alessio, Linda Dalton, Claudio DeMeo, Shirley Fineman, John Garvey, Anthony Grigos, William R. Guarinello, Peter Joseph, Roy Jung, Eileen LaRuffa, Tim Law, Nicholas Miraglia, Janet Perry, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Sonia Valentin, Robert Whittaker, Laurie Windsor, Sai Chuen Yeung

Excused: Rosa Casella, Iwen Chu, Mafalda DiMango, Man Wai Lau, Al Milone, James Orlando, Andrew Windsor

Absent: Thomas Andros, Wai Cheung, Vincent Chirico, Steven Chung, Priscilla Consolo, Eric DiNapoli, Paul DiSpirito, Charles Farrauto, Yonah Glatzer, Ligia Gualpa, Caleb Pan, Antonio Troia, Robert Yee, Nicholas Zimmitti

Guests: Ari Kagan – Comptroller Stringer, Jia Zhen Huang – Baruch, Kevin Chen – Baruch, Jeannine Cherichetti – Council Member Treyger, Jeffrey Krauss – Senator Golden, Mimi Bluestone – 350 Brooklyn, JK Canepa – Save Energy Project

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The meeting was opened with Captain Anthony Longobardi, the new Commanding Officer of the 62nd Precinct, having the honor of the pledge.

Public Hearing

Draft of Community Board 11's Capital and Expense Budget recommendations for fiscal year 2019.

Chairman Guarinello inquired if anyone from the public sought recognition. Hearing none, a motion was made by Laurie Windsor to close the public hearing. Seconded by Matthew Bromme. Unanimously adopted.

Public Portion

Mimi Bluestone, representing 350 Brooklyn, spoke regarding a pipeline project that would carry fracked gas. The gas would travel underwater from Pennsylvania through New York Harbor to Rockaway.

The organization 350 Brooklyn is opposed to this pipeline stating that they believe it is unnecessary, expensive and unsafe. She stated that we should move away from fossil fuels and towards renewal energy sources. Petitions are available.

Stan Lev, a neighborhood resident, stated that we should also oppose the marine transfer station.

JK Canepa, who is part of the 350 Brooklyn coalition, urged residents to sign the petition opposing the pipeline. She further stated that in the future there will be an off-shore wind farm, which will change the renewal energy market.

Jeannine Cherichetti, representing Councilman Treyger, announced several upcoming events that included participatory budgeting, Fall Festival/Bike Helmet giveaway, and Drive-In Movie Night. Flyers are available.

Ari Kagan, representing Comptroller Stringer, spoke regarding the newly released reports, The Economic Cost of Subway Delays and A Plan for Improving Health and Sexual Education in New York City Schools.

He further announced an invitation to participate in the upcoming Diwali celebration. Flyers are available.

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Sonia Valentin to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Laurie Windsor. Unanimously adopted.

Disposition of Public Hearing

Mr. Guarinello advised that Community Board 11 received additional capital requests from Brooklyn Public Library. They are:

Highlawn Branch – Boiler Replacement, HVAC Controls and Safety and Security Enhancements.

New Utrecht Branch – Infrastructure Upgrades.

A motion was made by Nicholas Miraglia to accept the draft recommendations with the addition of the four capital requests from the Brooklyn Public Library. Seconded by Ross Brady. Unanimously adopted.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Guarinello reported that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Target small format store on 18th Avenue and 64th Street.

The Chairman welcomed and introduced the new Commanding Officer of the 62nd Precinct, Captain Anthony Longobardi.

Mr. Guarinello congratulated Captain Longobardi, and the men and women of the 62nd Precinct, for their work on illegal massage parlors. In the past few months, there have been 32 locations closed, 6 are in the process of being Nuisance Abated by the NYPD Civil Enforcement unit, with 4 already closed. Overall there were 35 arrests made by the 62nd Precinct.

There has been collaboration between multiple city and state agencies, our local city and state elected officials, the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement and the Department of Buildings which issued about 150 building violations.

The Chairman recognized and presented certificates of appreciation to the following members of the 62nd Precinct, for their work on this assignment:

LT. Joseph Pollari, SGT. Heriberto Hernandez, P.O. Jelinson Martinez, P.O. Roman Vilnyanskiy, P.O. Frank Mallimo, P.O. Eddie Kau, P.O. William Chow, and P.O. Derek Cho.

The Chairman commended the work of Det. Stephen Agosta, of the 62nd Precinct Community Affairs Unit, for his continued work and support of the community.

62nd Precinct

Captain Anthony Longobardi, the Commanding Officer of the 62nd Precinct, introduced himself. He advised that when he began his assignment 3 weeks ago, the main concern from the community and elected officials was related to massage parlors. He created a team to address unlicensed massage parlors and they were very successful.

Captain Longobardi spoke regarding 311 complaints and the importance of leaving a call back number for follow-up. He stressed that complainant information is never released.

Councilman Gentile

The Councilman welcomed Captain Longobardi and commended him for the work on the massage parlors.

Councilman Gentile spoke of Patrolman David Guttenberg, who was killed in the line of duty in 1978. Patrolman Guttenberg worked in the 68th Precinct and was shot and killed while responding to a robbery call.

An Auxiliary Police Officer from the 68th Precinct undertook a mission to memorialize Patrolman Guttenberg. Councilman Gentile stated that legislation was introduced to the New York City Council, and he is pleased to announce that on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 11AM, the corner of Battery Avenue and 86th Street, will be co-named, "Patrolman David Guttenberg Way". All are invited to attend.

Councilman Gentile announced that the Mayor has signed his legislation that regulates Hookah. This legislation now requires businesses that offer hookah to comply with the smoke free air act.

District Manager's Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia reported that she recently participated in a multi-agency walkthrough on 86th Street with Councilman Treyger and Assemblyman Colton to discuss and resolve issues related to cleanliness, sidewalk obstructions caused by oversized stoop line stands and produce deliveries.

One of the most serious concerns, other than the obvious quality of life issues, is the ability of our older residents and disabled to safely use the sidewalk area. There will be

agency outreach and education provided to the merchants followed by enforcement measures.

She further advised that the Department of City Planning held a Southern Brooklyn Resiliency Workshop last evening to learn about the zoning rules that were adopted after Hurricane Sandy to facilitate resilient buildings, and to share ideas on how to shape a future update to these rules to advance resiliency across the city.

While the Board, will have an opportunity to make a formal recommendation on this application, she spoke regarding the importance of addressing the removal of front yards and their relationship to storm water runoff and the lack of enforcement of the current Streetscape Text Amendment.

The District Manager announced that the Department of Sanitation is seeking emergency snow laborers for the upcoming snow and ice season. Those interested should register at the local garage, on weekdays from 9AM - 3PM. BK11 garage is located on Shore Parkway at Bay 41 Street. Snow laborers are per-diem workers who shovel snow and clear ice from bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants and step streets in the City after heavy snowfalls. They will be paid \$15 per hour, and \$22.50 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week.

New Business

Sonia Valentin announced that the 62nd Precinct is collecting items for disaster relief. She also announced an upcoming blood drive, and a flea market at the New Utrecht Library. Flyers are available.

A motion was made by Bart Allegretti to adjourn. Seconded by Matthew Bromme.

Unanimously approved.